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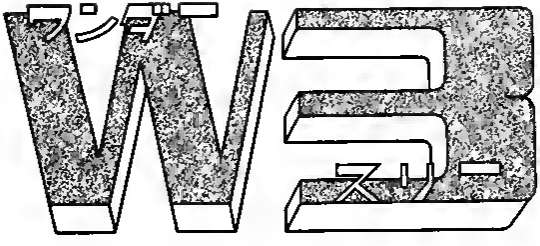
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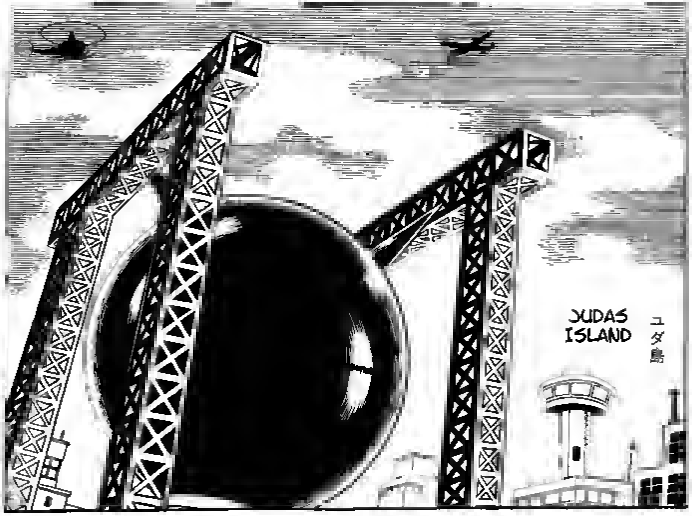
JUDAS ISLAND
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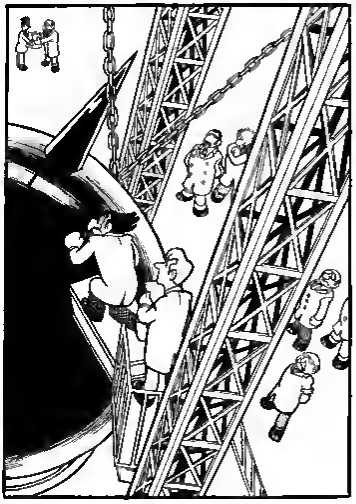
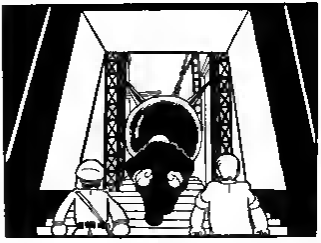
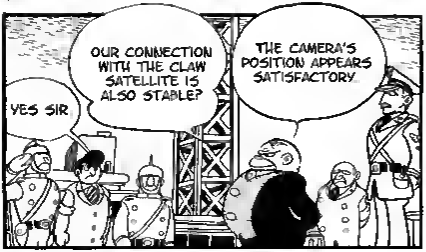
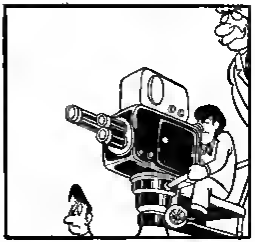
ATTEN-SHUN!!

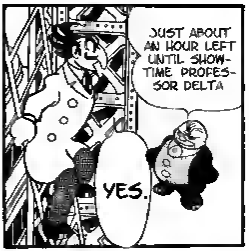





OUR CONNECTION WITH THE CLAW SATELLITE IS ALSO STABLE?
THE CAMERA'S POSITION APPEARS SATISFACTORY.
YES SIR



CERTAINLY THIS WILL STRIKE DEEP-SEATED FEAR INTO THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF THE PUBLIC.
ONE HOUR UNTIL THE EXISTENCE OF THIS ANTI-PROTON BOMB IS BROADCASTED TO EVERY TELEVISION WORLD-WIDE

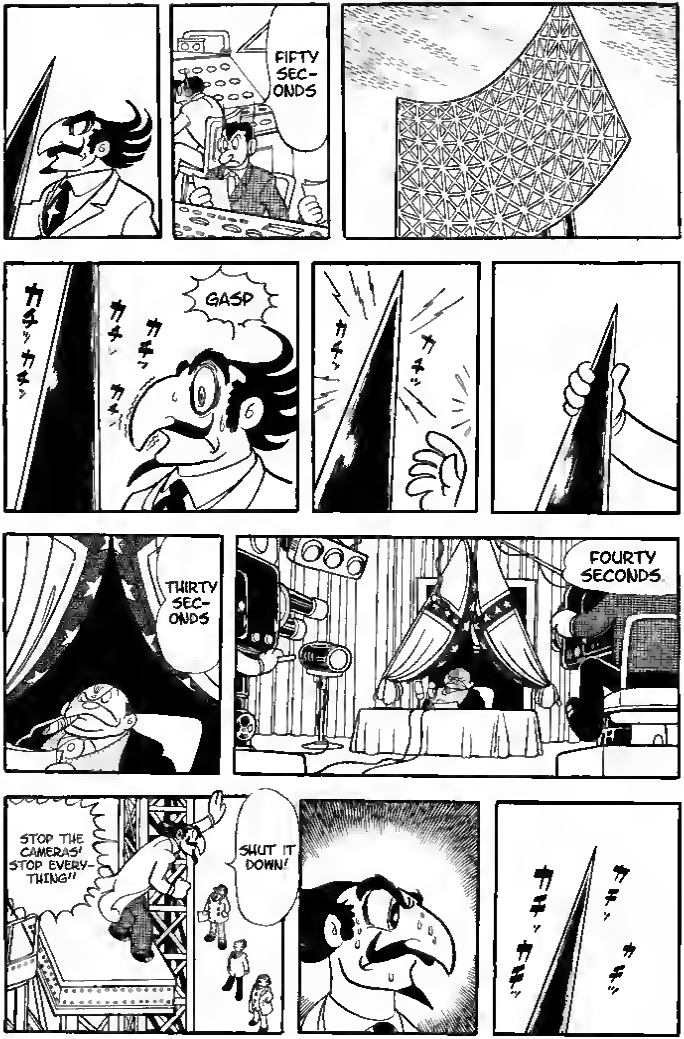

JUST ABOUT AN HOUR LEFT UNTIL SHOW-TIME PROFESSOR DELTA
YES.

"AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE SO POWERFUL, IT CAN REDUCE THE ENTIRE EARTH'S MASS TO ASHES WITHIN A MERE THREE SECONDS."

MORE IMPORTANTLY AKUNI'S DEFENCE MINISTRY WILL BE ALLOWED TO DELIVER THIS ANNOUNCEMENT

"AKUNI IS HEREBY THE SOLE POSSESSOR OF EARTH'S MOST TECHNOLOGICALLY SUPERIOR EXPLOSIVE!!"

IN A FIRM, SOLID GRIP!!"
HOLDS THE FATE OF THE EARTH...
"AS OF THIS MOMENT, AKUNI
FURTHERMORE, TRUE PEACE WILL FINALLY BE ESTABLISHED. EVERY COUNTRY WILL THINK TWICE ABOUT STARTING ANY WARS KNOWING AKUNI COULD ACTIVATE THE ANTI-PROTON BOMB AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE.
ONCE THEY HEAR THE MESSAGE DELIVERED, ALL OF AKUNI'S ENEMIES WILL SOON BE DROPPING TO THEIR KNEES TREMBLING FROM HEAD TO TOE! WAHAHAHA!
EVERYONE, GET IN POSITION!!!
DIRECTOR! THREE MINUTES UNTIL BROAD-CAST, SIR!
AH, THIS HAS PUT ME IN SUCH AN EXUBERANT MOOD!!
ONE MINUTE TO BROADCAST!
UNDER-STOOD
THE FUNDAMENTAL EXPLANATION OF THE ANTI-PROTON BOMB IS IN YOUR CAPABLE HANDS.
OKAY
ONCE YOU GIVE US THE SIGNAL, WE'LL FOCUS THE CAMERAS ON YOU PROFES-SOR DELTA!


FIFTY SEC-ONDS
GASP
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THIRTY SEC-ONDS
FOURTY SECONDS
STOP THE CAMERAS! STOP EVERY-THING!!
SHUT IT DOWN!
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THERE'S SOME PECULIAR SOUND BEING EMITTED FROM THE BOMB'S INTERIOR!!
DELAY THE BROAD-CAST!!
WHAT NOW!?
JUST WHAT I NEEDED CLEAR OUT THE BROAD-CASTING EQUIPMENT! I'M ORDERING A FULL EVACUATION OF THE PREMISES RESEARCH TEAM A INVESTI-GATE THE BOMB!
A STRANGE TICKING NOISE COMING FROM ONE OF THOSE HORN-LIKE PROTRUSIONS
WHAT SOUND?
NO SIR. IT HASN'T LET UP SINCE IT STARTED
WELL, IS IT STOP-PING!?

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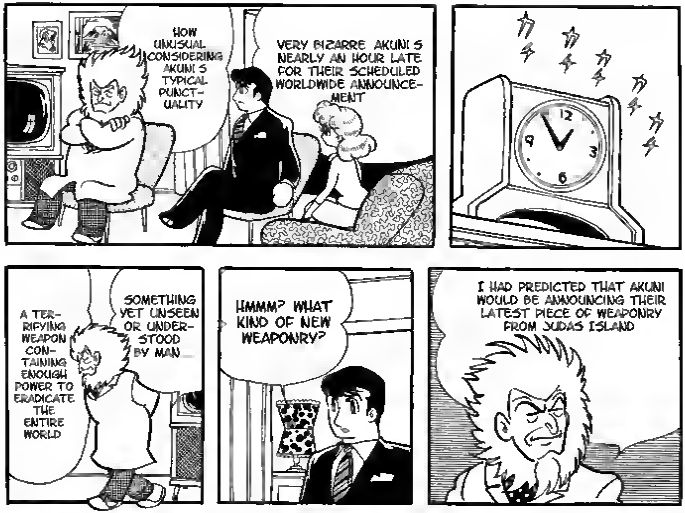
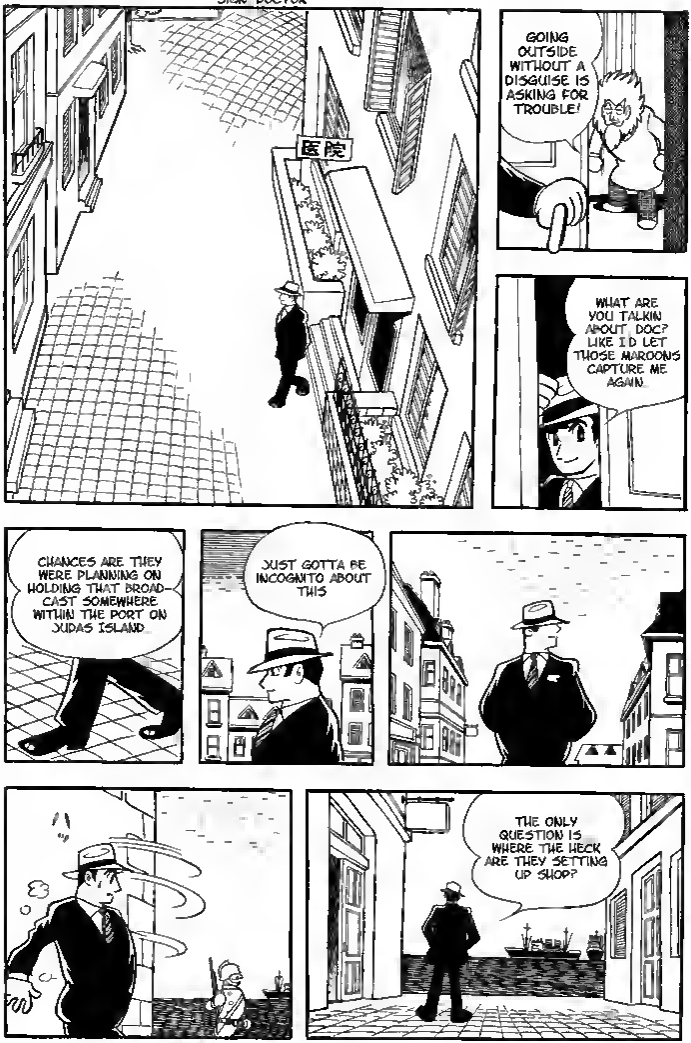

HOW UNUSUAL CONSIDERING AKUNI'S TYPICAL PUNCTUALITY
VERY BIZARRE AKUNI'S NEARLY AN HOUR LATE FOR THEIR SCHEDULED WORLDWIDE ANNOUNCEMENT
A TERRIFYING WEAPON CONTAINING ENOUGH POWER TO ERADICATE THE ENTIRE WORLD
SOMETHING YET UNSEEN OR UNDERSTOOD BY MAN...
HMMM? WHAT KIND OF NEW WEAPONRY?
I HAD PREDICTED THAT AKUNI WOULD BE ANNOUNCING THEIR LATEST PIECE OF WEAPONRY FROM JUDAS ISLAND
JUST WHERE ARE YOU GOING KOUICHI!?
NOWHERE IMPORTANT JUST NEED TO CHECK ON SOMETHING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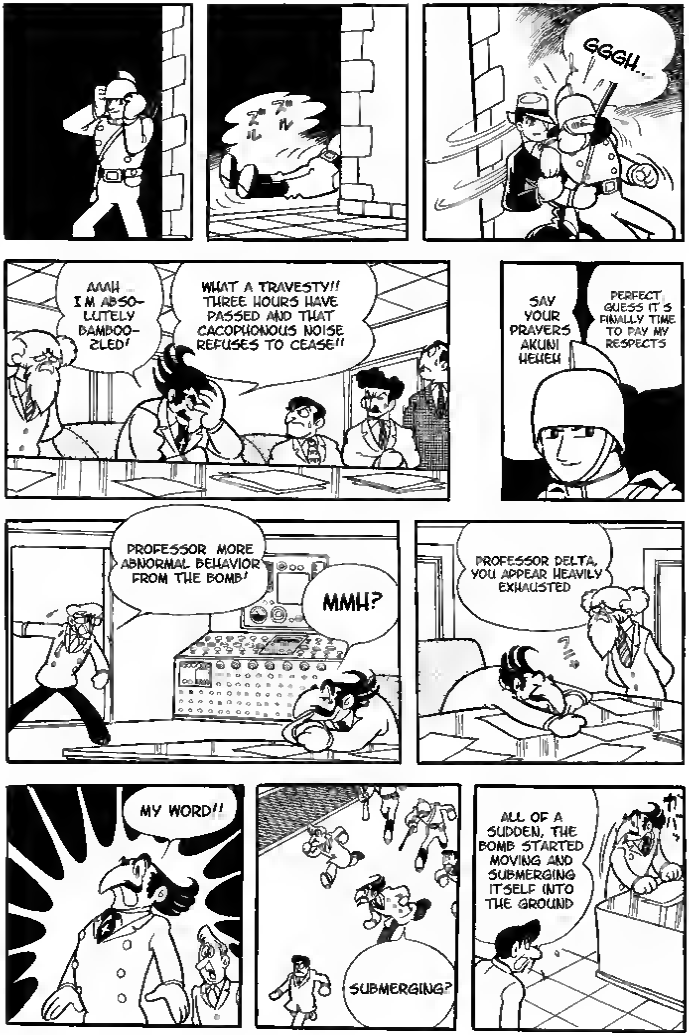
GOING OUTSIDE WITHOUT A DISGUISE IS ASKING FOR TROUBLE!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKIN ABOUT, DOC? LIKE I'D LET THOSE MAROONS CAPTURE ME AGAIN.
CHANCES ARE THEY WERE PLANNING ON HOLDING THAT BROADCAST SOMEWHERE WITHIN THE PORT ON JUDAS ISLAND.
JUST GOTTA BE INCOGNITO ABOUT THIS
THE ONLY QUESTION IS WHERE THE HECK ARE THEY SETTING UP SHOP?


GGGH...
AAAH... I'M ABSOLUTELY BAMBOOZLED!
WHAT A TRAVESTY!! THREE HOURS HAVE PASSED AND THAT CACOPHONOUS NOISE REFUSES TO CEASE!!
SAY YOUR PRAYERS AKUNI HEHEH
PERFECT. GUESS IT'S FINALLY TIME TO PAY MY RESPECTS
PROFESSOR MORE ABNORMAL BEHAVIOR FROM THE BOMB!
MMH?
PROFESSOR DELTA, YOU APPEAR HEAVILY EXHAUSTED
MY WORD!!
SUBMERGING?
ALL OF A SUDDEN, THE BOMB STARTED MOVING AND SUBMERGING ITSELF INTO THE GROUND

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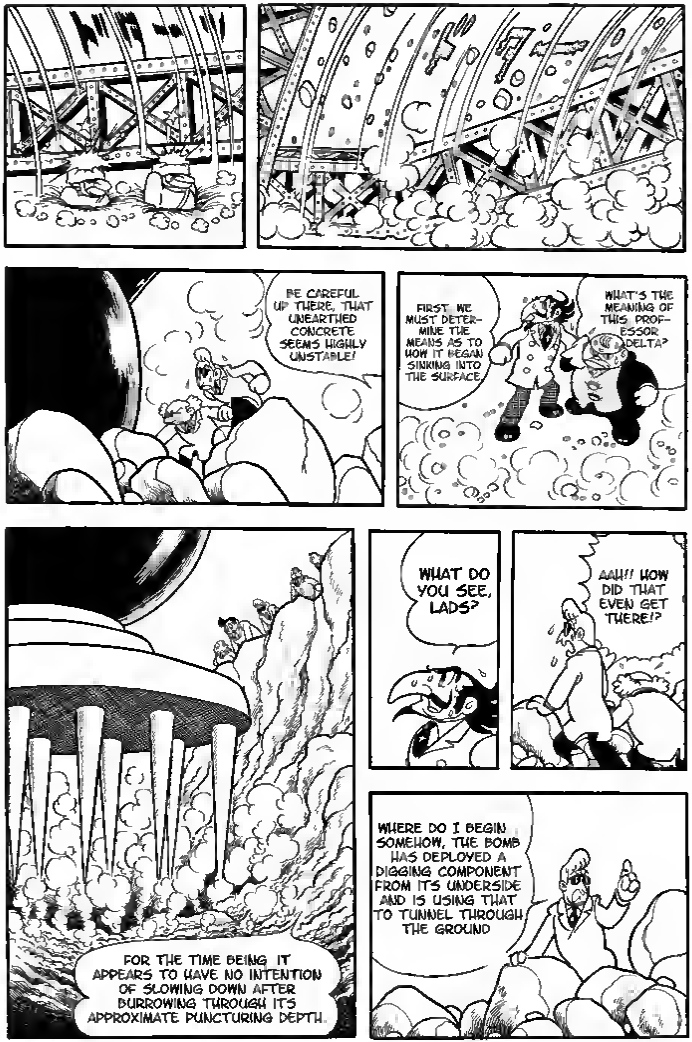
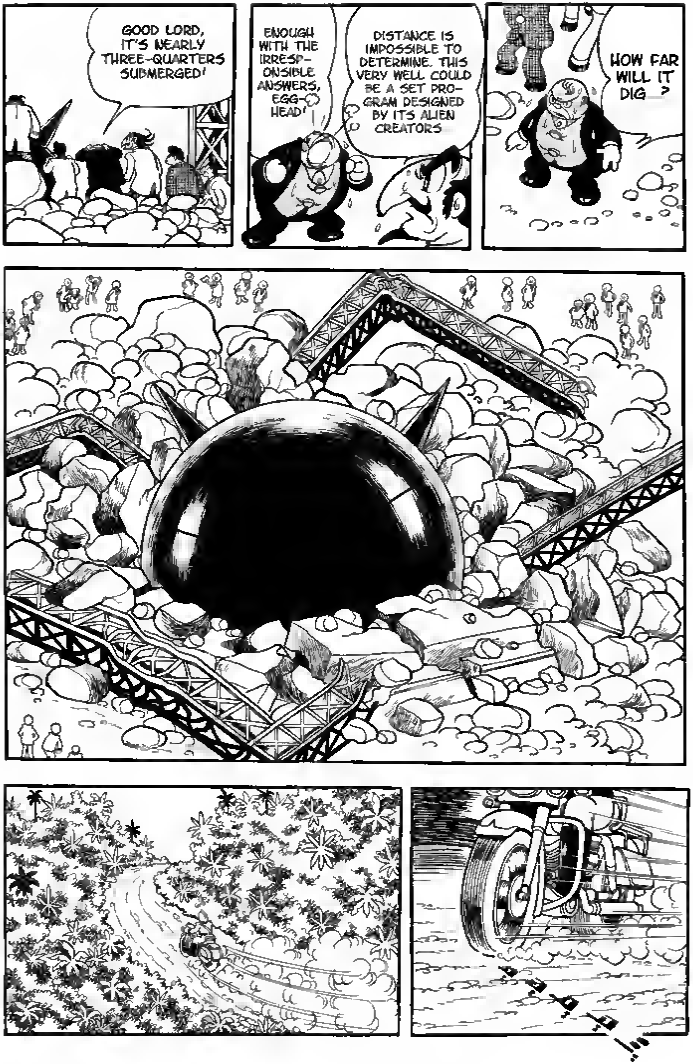
WHAT ON EARTH!?
THE STRUCTURE'S COLLAPSING!


BE CAREFUL UP THERE, THAT UNEARTHED CONCRETE SEEMS HIGHLY UNSTABLE!
FIRST, WE MUST DETERMINE THE MEANS AS TO HOW IT BEGAN SINKING INTO THE SURFACE
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS PROFESSOR DELTA?
WHAT DO YOU SEE, LADS?
AAH!! HOW DID THAT EVEN GET THERE!?
FOR THE TIME BEING IT APPEARS TO HAVE NO INTENTION OF SLOWING DOWN AFTER BURROWING THROUGH ITS APPROXIMATE PUNCTURING DEPTH.
WHERE DO I BEGIN SOMEHOW, THE BOMB HAS DEPLOYED A DIGGING COMPONENT FROM ITS UNDERSIDE AND IS USING THAT TO TUNNEL THROUGH THE GROUND


GOOD LORD, IT'S NEARLY THREE-QUARTERS SUBMERGED!
ENOUGH WITH THE IRRESPONSIBLE ANSWERS, EGG-O HEAD!
DISTANCE IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE. THIS VERY WELL COULD BE A SET PROGRAM DESIGNED BY ITS ALIEN CREATORS
HOW FAR WILL IT DIG?

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LET 'IM THROUGH
SEVENTY COMPANY SQUAD FIVE, PRIVATE J STEIN KRAULIN REQUESTING ENTRY
SOMETHING SMELLS FISHY
NOW THE MILLION DOLLAR QUESTION WHERE'S THAT DAMN WEAPON?
MADE IT INTO THE PORT EASIER THAN I EXPECTED...
YAHUH DON'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE IF WE TAKE SHELTER THE WHOLE WORLD'S DONE FOR
KEEP TELLIN' YA, WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THE BLOODY THING'S GONNA BLOW ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT WHEN IT DOES SAY GOODBYE TO THE ENTIRE PLANET
VERY ODD SHOULDN'T THERE BE A BIT MORE ACTIVITY GOING ON?
HEY DIDN'T PROFESSOR DELTA SAY SOMETHING ABOUT
PERSONALLY WOULDN'T MIND HEADING BACK HOME TO SEE MY SWEETHEART ONE LAST TIME.

W-WELL, WHAT ARE THEY DOING ABOUT PREVENTING THAT?
APPARENTLY DUE TO THE FORCES OF MAGNETISM, THE BOMB'S GONNA CONTINUE TO ACCELERATE STRAIGHT TOWARDS THE EARTH'S CORE. AIN'T MUCH THEY CAN DO...
THE BOMB SLOWLY TUNNELING ITSELF...
ONCE IT'S DOWN THAT FAR, WE'VE GOT NO CHANCE OF STOPPING IT.
HEADING DIRECTLY FOR THE EARTH'S CORE.
DETONATING AT THE EARTH'S CORE'S GONNA DEAL THE GREATEST DAMAGE THAT BOMB'S CAPABLE OF
YIPES!!
SHE FINALLY GOES BOOM!
THEN WHAT HAPPENS?
MORON, THE EXPLOSION'S GONNA TAKE OUT THE WHOLE PLANET!
SHOULD WE ESCAPE? WE'RE JUST GONNA DIE ANYWAYS

...
WHAT AN INTERESTING TOPIC OF DISCUSSION, GENTLEMEN!!
CAPTAIN LAMP OF THE SPECIAL FORCES GREAT, JUST THE GUY I DIDN'T WANNA SEE
CARE TO LET ME IN ON THE FUN, SOLDIER?
NOTHING WRONG WITH A LITTLE GOSSIP...
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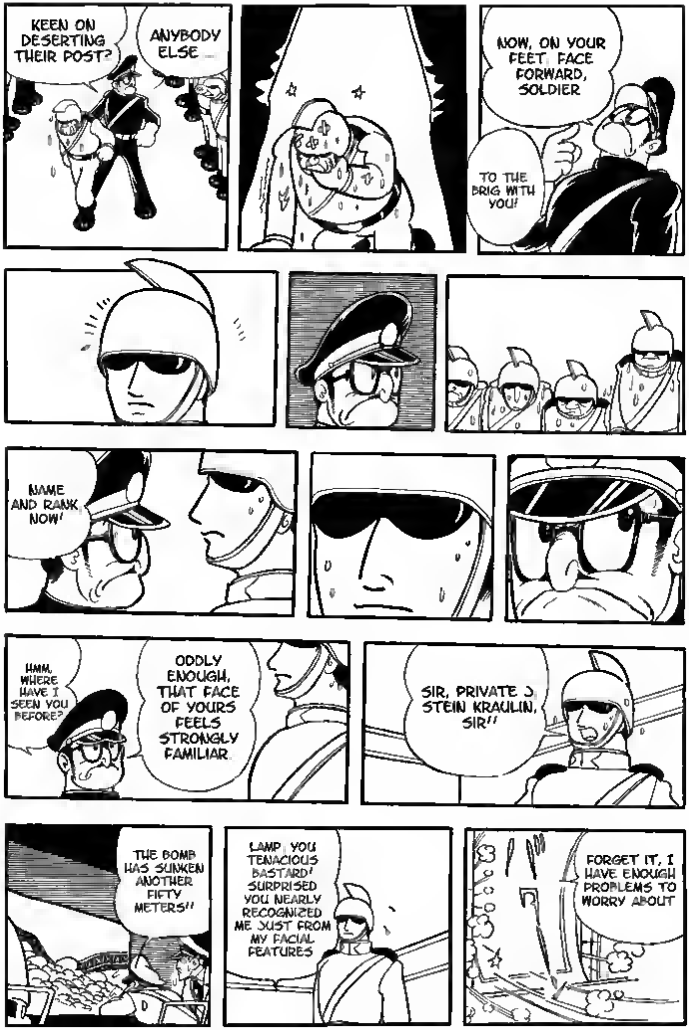
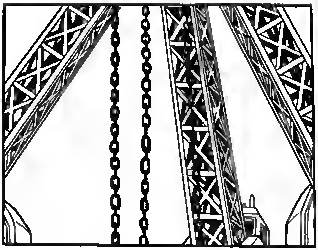
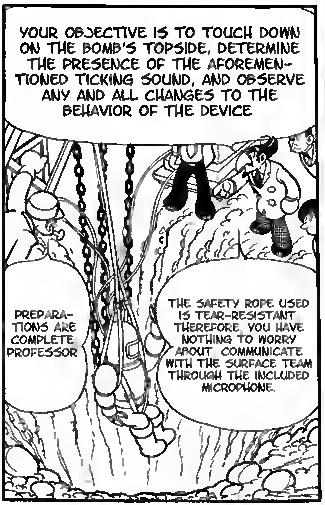
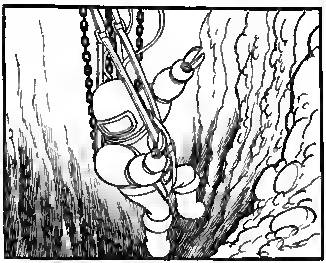
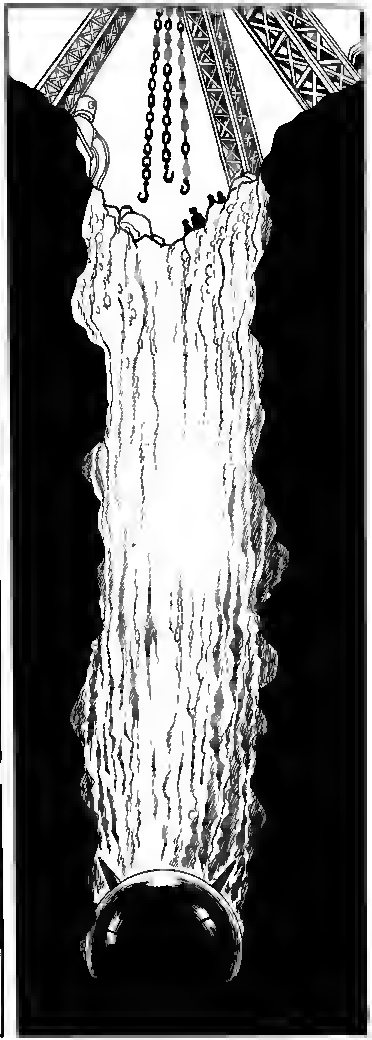
W-W-W-WE W-W-W-WEREN'T G-GOSSIPING, SIR P-P-P-PROFESSOR DELTA SAID...
NNGH!

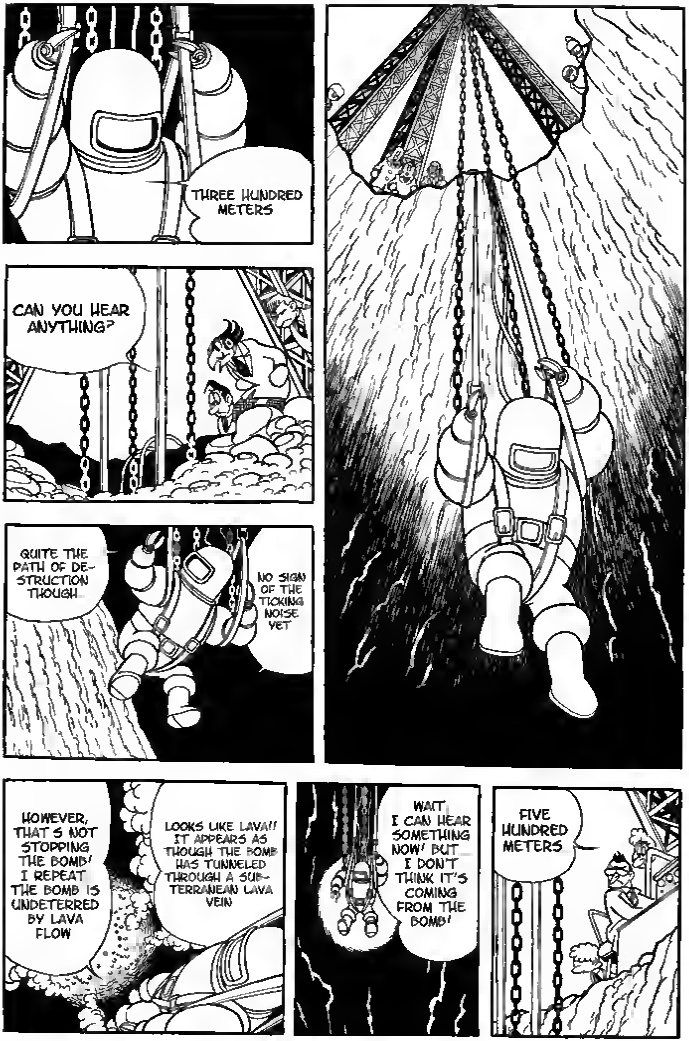

KEEN ON DESERTING THEIR POST?
ANYBODY ELSE...
NOW, ON YOUR FEET FACE FORWARD, SOLDIER
TO THE BRIG WITH YOU!
NAME AND RANK NOW!
HMM, WHERE HAVE I SEEN YOU BEFORE?
ODDLY ENOUGH, THAT FACE OF YOURS FEELS STRONGLY FAMILIAR.
SIR, PRIVATE J. STEIN KRAULIN, SIR!!
THE BOMB HAS SUNKEN ANOTHER FIFTY METERS!!
LAMP, YOU TENACIOUS BASTARD! SURPRISED YOU NEARLY RECOGNIZED ME JUST FROM MY FACIAL FEATURES
FORGET IT, I HAVE ENOUGH PROBLEMS TO WORRY ABOUT

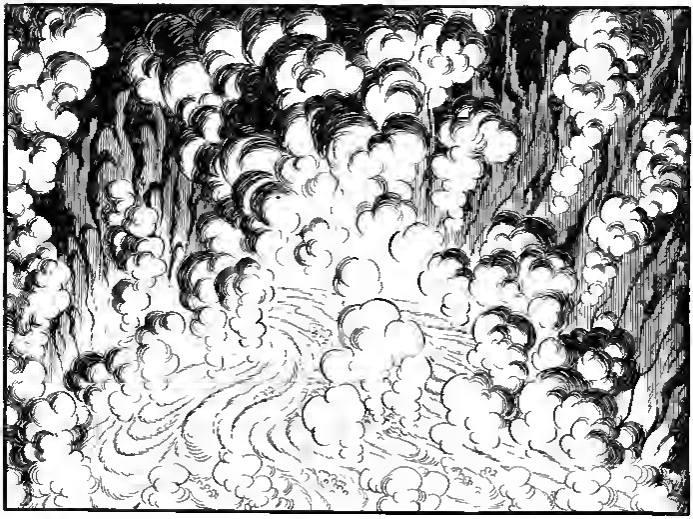



YOUR OBJECTIVE IS TO TOUCH DOWN ON THE BOMB'S TOPSIDE, DETERMINE THE PRESENCE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED TICKING SOUND, AND OBSERVE ANY AND ALL CHANGES TO THE BEHAVIOR OF THE DEVICE
PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETE PROFESSOR
THE SAFETY ROPE USED IS TEAR-RESISTANT. THEREFORE, YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. COMMUNICATE WITH THE SURFACE TEAM THROUGH THE INCLUDED MICROPHONE.





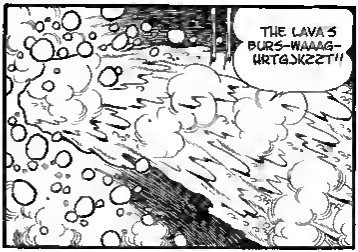

THREE HUNDRED METERS
CAN YOU HEAR ANYTHING?
QUITE THE PATH OF DESTRUCTION THOUGH
NO SIGN OF THE TICKING NOISE YET
HOWEVER, THAT'S NOT STOPPING THE BOMB! I REPEAT THE BOMB IS UNDETERRED BY LAVA FLOW
LOOKS LIKE LAVA!! IT APPEARS AS THOUGH THE BOMB HAS TUNNELED THROUGH A SUBTERRANEAN LAVA VEIN
WAIT I CAN HEAR SOMETHING NOW! BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S COMING FROM THE BOMB!
FIVE HUNDRED METERS



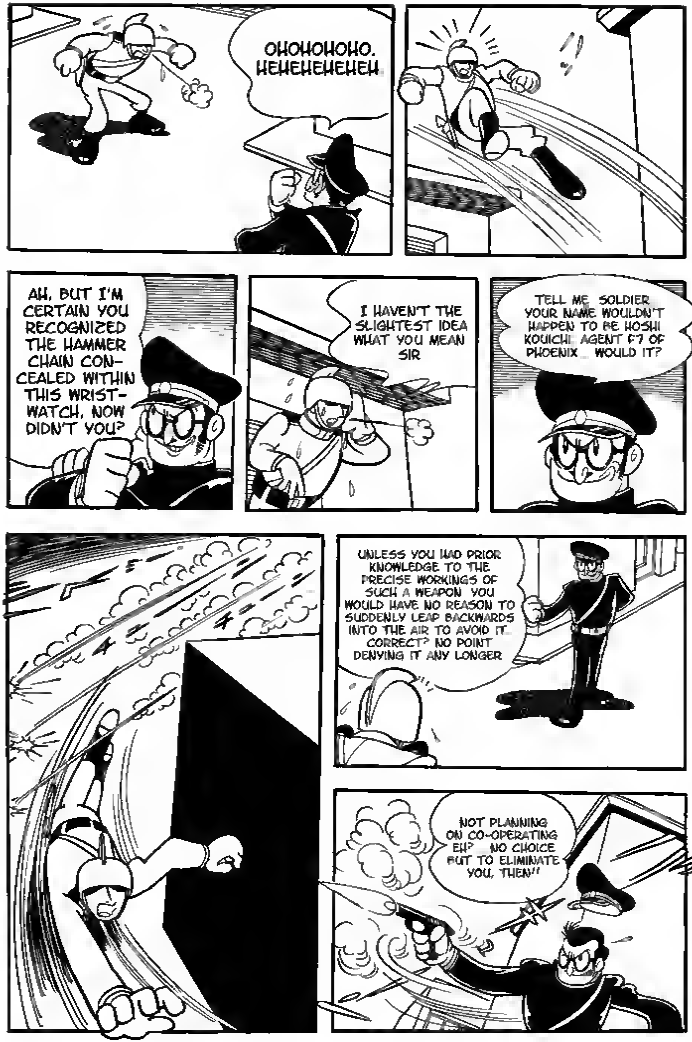
IT MELTED CLEAN THROUGH THE SAFETY ROPE!!

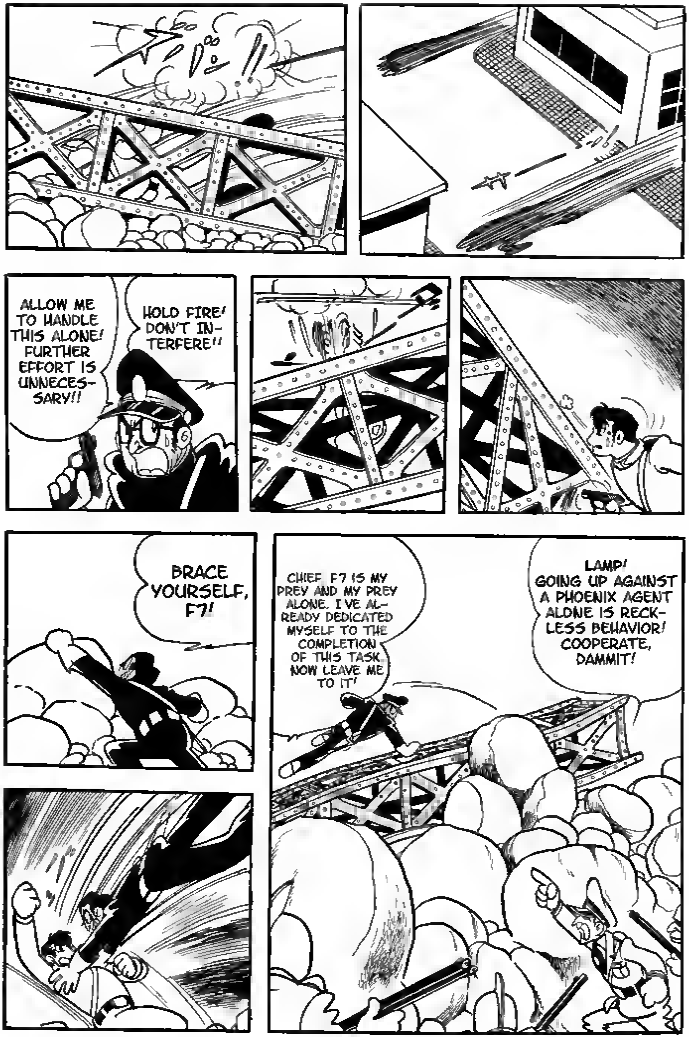
PULL ME UP!!

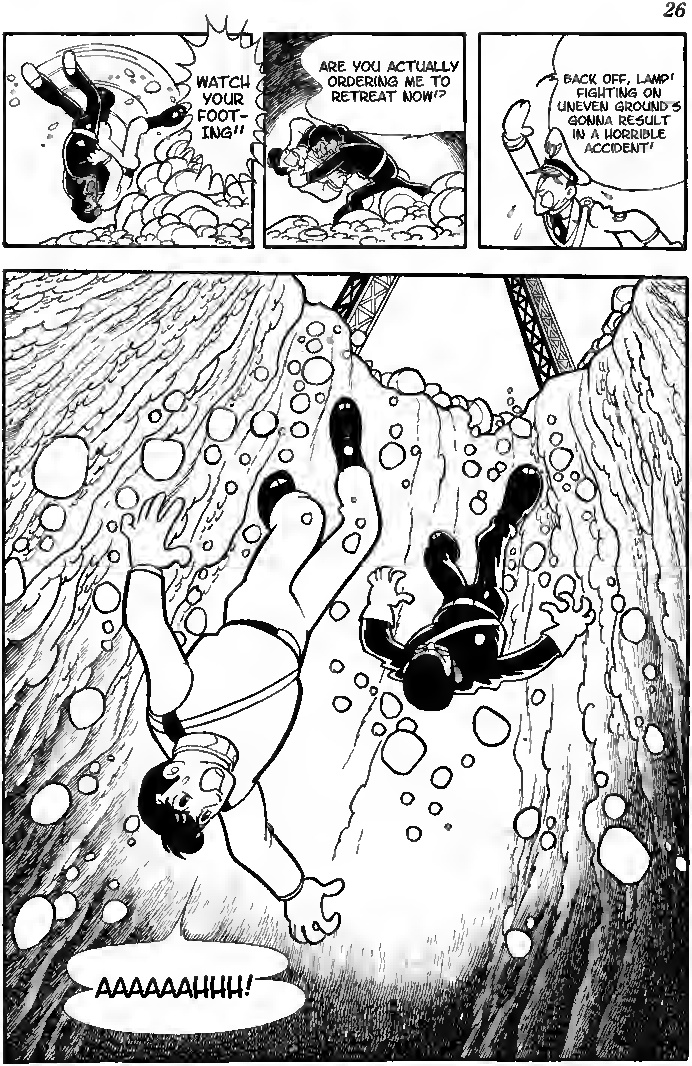
RETRACT THE LINE I'M GETTING TOO CLOSE!

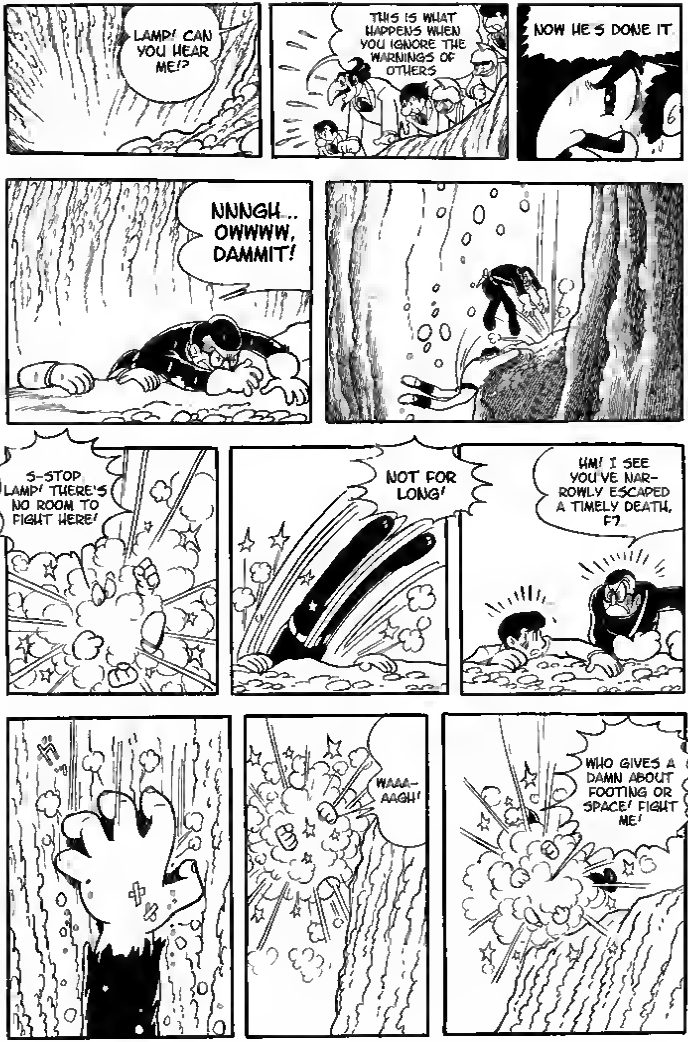

THE LAVA'S BURS-WAAAG-WRTGJKZZT!!

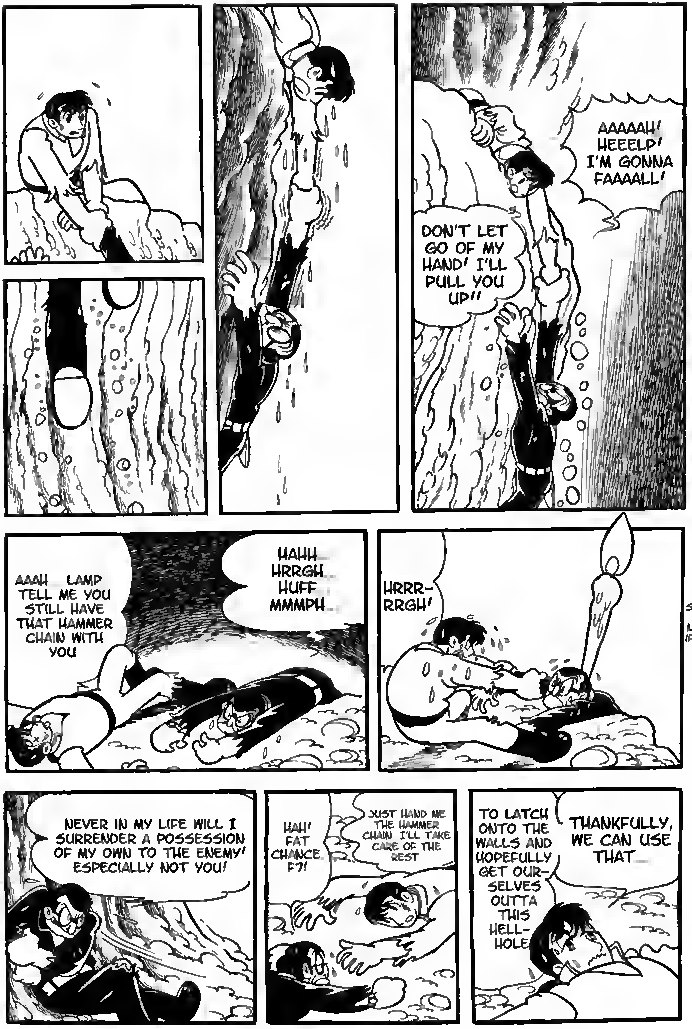
ARE YOU TRYING TO ORDER ME AROUND!? ABANDON JUDAS ISLAND? ARE YOU COMPLETELY INSANE!?
DIRECTOR!! I AM REQUESTING YOU ISSUE THE COMMAND TO EVACUATE JUDAS ISLAND IMMEDIATELY WE ARE ALL IN SEVERE DANGER!
LAVA. WHAT A HORRID WAY TO DIE
TODAY, WE HAVE SUFFERED A CASUALTY
BUT NOTHING! YOU EXPECT THE DEFENSE MINISTRY TO SMILE AND NOD WHEN I TELL THEM!?
BUT, SIR...
JUDAS ISLAND IS AKUNI'S MOST IMPORTANT TESTING GROUNDS FOR EXPERIMENTAL WEAPONS! YET YOU'RE ASKING ME TO PACK UP AND LEAVE!?
FLY THE FLAG OF AKUNI!
FWHOOOM
PRIVATE J STEIN KRAULIN!!
SIR!


OHOHOHOHO. HEHEHEHEHEH
!!
AH, BUT I'M CERTAIN YOU RECOGNIZED THE HAMMER CHAIN CONCEALED WITHIN THIS WRISTWATCH, NOW DIDN'T YOU?
I HAVEN'T THE SLIGHTEST IDEA WHAT YOU MEAN SIR
TELL ME, SOLDIER... YOUR NAME WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO BE HOSHI KOUICHI, AGENT F-7 OF PHOENIX... WOULD IT?
UNLESS YOU HAD PRIOR KNOWLEDGE TO THE PRECISE WORKINGS OF SUCH A WEAPON YOU WOULD HAVE NO REASON TO SUDDENLY LEAP BACKWARDS INTO THE AIR TO AVOID IT. CORRECT? NO POINT DENYING IT ANY LONGER
NOT PLANNING ON CO-OPERATING EH? NO CHOICE BUT TO ELIMINATE YOU, THEN!!

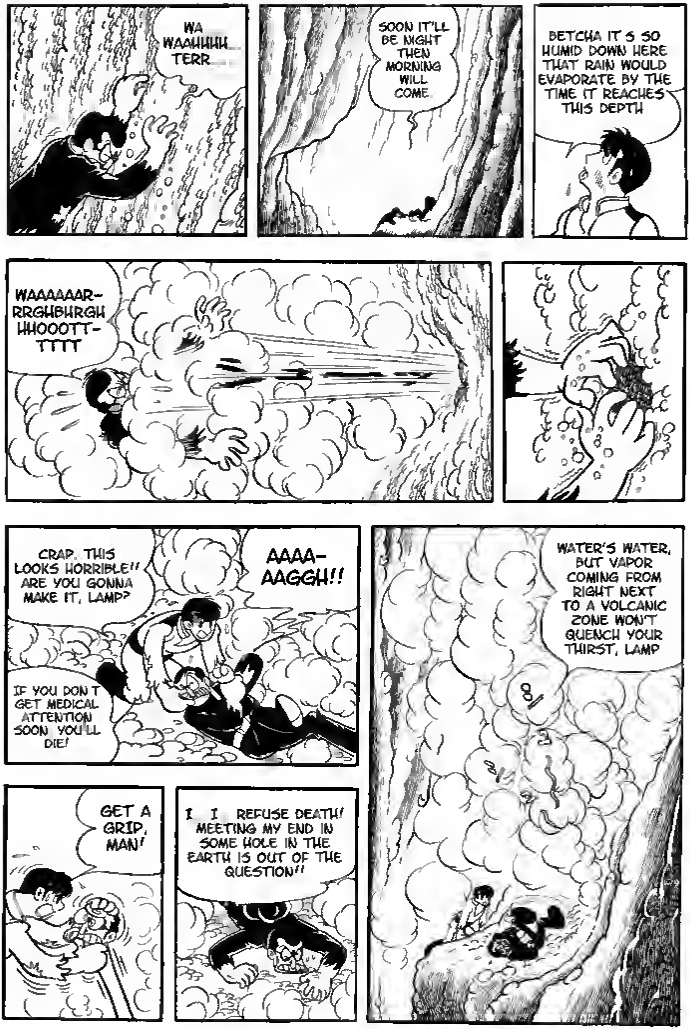

ALLOW ME TO HANDLE THIS ALONE! FURTHER EFFORT IS UNNECESSARY!!
HOLD FIRE! DON'T INTERFERE!!
BRACE YOURSELF, F7!
CHIEF F7 IS MY PREY AND MY PREY ALONE. I'VE ALREADY DEDICATED MYSELF TO THE COMPLETION OF THIS TASK. NOW LEAVE ME TO IT!
LAMP! GOING UP AGAINST A PHOENIX AGENT ALONE IS RECKLESS BEHAVIOR! COOPERATE, DAMMIT!

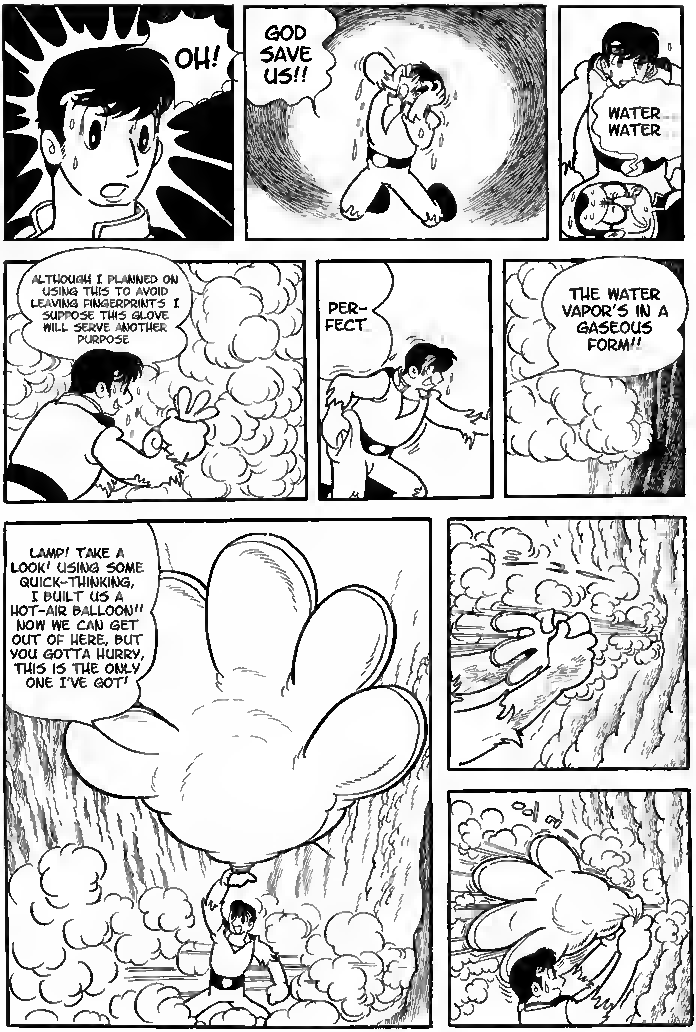

WATCH YOUR FOOT-ING!!
ARE YOU ACTUALLY ORDERING ME TO RETREAT NOW!?
BACK OFF, LAMP! FIGHTING ON UNEVEN GROUND'S GONNA RESULT IN A HORRIBLE ACCIDENT!
AAAAAAHHH!

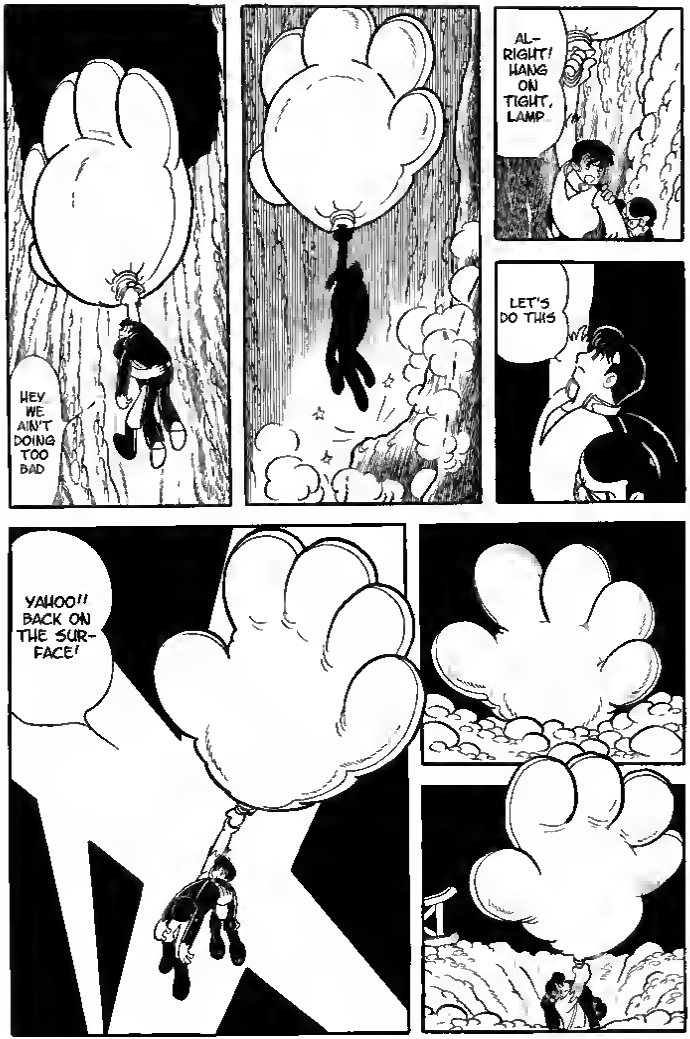

LAMP! CAN YOU HEAR ME!?
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU IGNORE THE WARNINGS OF OTHERS
NOW HE'S DONE IT
NNNGH... OWWWW, DAMMIT!
S-STOP LAMP! THERE'S NO ROOM TO FIGHT HERE!
NOT FOR LONG!
HM! I SEE YOU'VE NARROWLY ESCAPED A TIMELY DEATH, EH?
WAAA-AAGH!
WHO GIVES A DAMN ABOUT FOOTING OR SPACE! FIGHT ME!


AAAAAH! HEEELP! I'M GONNA FAAAALL!
DON'T LET GO OF MY HAND! I'LL PULL YOU UP!!
AAAH LAMP TELL ME YOU STILL HAVE THAT HAMMER CHAIN WITH YOU
HAHH... HRRGH... HUFF... MMMPH...
HRRR-RRGH!
NOTE: THE MELTING CANDLE IS SYMBOLISM FOR LAMP'S LIFE. NEARLY ENDING IF THAT WASN'T HORRIBLY OBVIOUS
NEVER IN MY LIFE WILL I SURRENDER A POSSESSION OF MY OWN TO THE ENEMY! ESPECIALLY NOT YOU!
HAH! FAT CHANCE F?!
JUST HAND ME THE HAMMER CHAIN I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST
TO LATCH ONTO THE WALLS AND HOPEFULLY GET OUR-SELVES OUTTA THIS HELL-HOLE
THANKFULLY, WE CAN USE THAT...

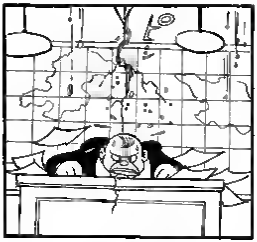
ASK ME, I BET THEY'RE THINKING WE BOTH PLUNGED STRAIGHT TO THE BOTTOM AND KICKED THE BUCKET...
NO MEANS NO!
LAMP, IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE THE BOTH OF US! HAND IT OVER!
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?
EVEN WITHOUT THIS THING MY SUBORDINATES WILL EVENTUALLY COME TO MY RESCUE
RUMOR HAS IT THAT SOME OF THE PEOPLE TRYING TO KILL THEMSELVES WOULD INSTEAD LAND ON PART OF THE CLIFF-FACE LEFT TO SUFFER HOPING SOMEONE WOULD COME AND SAVE THEM
IN JAPAN THERE'S A MOUNTAIN RANGE THAT'S FAMOUS FOR BEING A POPULAR LOCATION FOR PEOPLE TO COMMIT SUICIDE
SUPPOSE IT'S STILL ABOUT NOON
DAMNATION!! THE WATCH FUNCTION STOPPED WORKING HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS
HANG IN THERE...
WA... TERRR... WATERR.
TOUGH LUCK FINDING ANY WATER DOWN HERE GUESS YOU'LL HAVE TO SUCK IT UP
WA... WATER-RRRR...

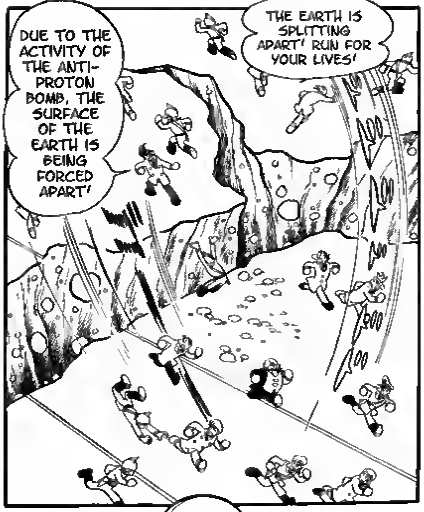

WA WAAHHHH TERR
SOON IT'LL BE NIGHT THEN MORNING WILL COME
BETCHA IT'S SO HUMID DOWN HERE THAT RAIN WOULD EVAPORATE BY THE TIME IT REACHES THIS DEPTH
WAAAAAAR-RRGHBURGH HHOOOTT-TTTT
CRAP. THIS LOOKS HORRIBLE!! ARE YOU GONNA MAKE IT, LAMP?
AAAA-AAGGH!!
IF YOU DON'T GET MEDICAL ATTENTION SOON YOU'LL DIE!
WATER'S WATER, BUT VAPOR COMING FROM RIGHT NEXT TO A VOLCANIC ZONE WON'T QUENCH YOUR THIRST, LAMP
GET A GRIP, MAN!
I I REFUSE DEATH! MEETING MY END IN SOME HOLE IN THE EARTH IS OUT OF THE QUESTION!!

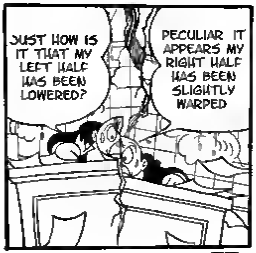

OH!
GOD SAVE US!!
WATER... WATER
ALTHOUGH I PLANNED ON USING THIS TO AVOID LEAVING FINGERPRINTS I SUPPOSE THIS GLOVE WILL SERVE ANOTHER PURPOSE
PER-FECT
THE WATER VAPOR'S IN A GASEOUS FORM!!
LAMP! TAKE A LOOK! USING SOME QUICK-THINKING, I BUILT US A HOT-AIR BALLOON!! NOW WE CAN GET OUT OF HERE, BUT YOU GOTTA HURRY, THIS IS THE ONLY ONE I'VE GOT!

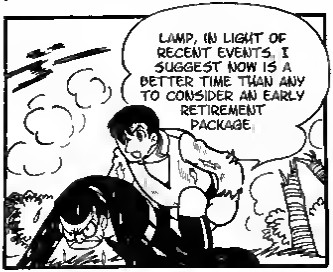

HEY WE AIN'T DOING TOO BAD
AL-RIGHT! HANG ON TIGHT, LAMP
LET'S DO THIS
YAHOO!! BACK ON THE SUR-FACE!

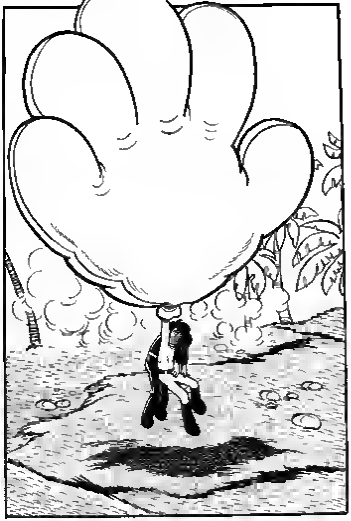
...
LAMP... TAKE A LOOK, MAN WE MANAGED TO SURVIVE
ARE YOU HONESTLY TELLING ME NOT TO SHOOT F7 THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF OUR MISFORTUNE!?
DON'T SHOOT THAT MAN IS A DESERVING HERO.
F7, IT PAINS ME TO ADMIT THIS BUT YOU SAVED OUR LIVES
NATURALLY I AM PREPARED TO BE COURT-MARTIALED FOR THIS DECISION HOWEVER IT IS OUT OF PRINCIPLE THAT I HAVE CHOSEN TO SPARE THE AGENT'S LIFE
PROFESSOR DELTA... WHY...?
NO, IT'S A LANDSLIDE!
AN EARTHQUAKE?

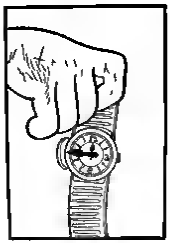



DUE TO THE ACTIVITY OF THE ANTI-PROTON BOMB, THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH IS BEING FORCED APART!
THE EARTH IS SPLITTING APART! RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!

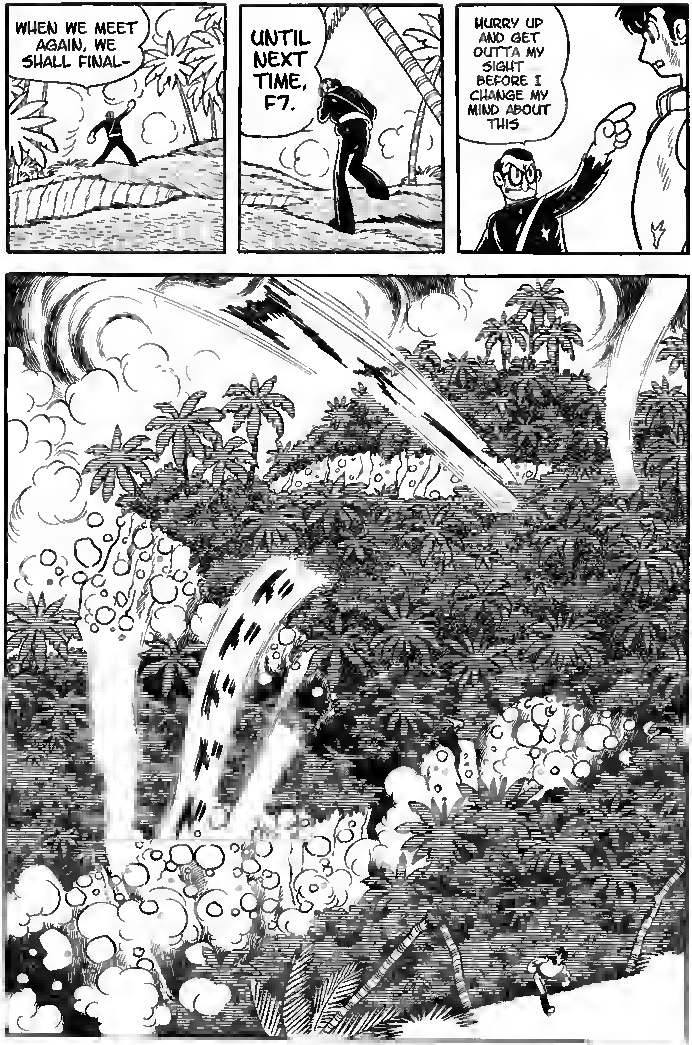

JUST HOW IS IT THAT MY LEFT HALF HAS BEEN LOWERED?
PECULIAR IT APPEARS MY RIGHT HALF HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY WARPED


LAMP, IN LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS, I SUGGEST NOW IS A BETTER TIME THAN ANY TO CONSIDER AN EARLY RETIREMENT PACKAGE





HERE, TAKE BACK WHAT'S YOURS


WHEN WE MEET AGAIN, WE SHALL FINAL-
UNTIL NEXT TIME, F7.
HURRY UP AND GET OUTTA MY SIGHT BEFORE I CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT THIS
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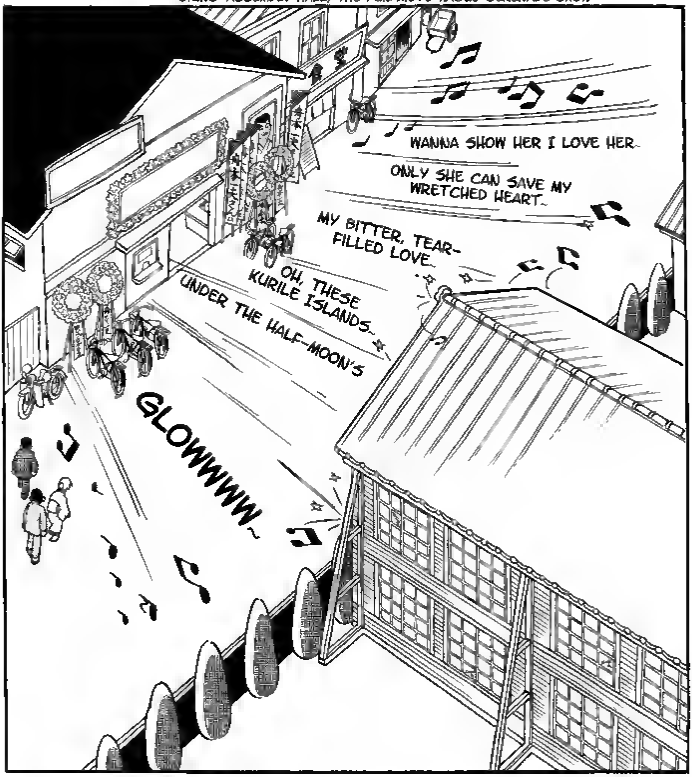
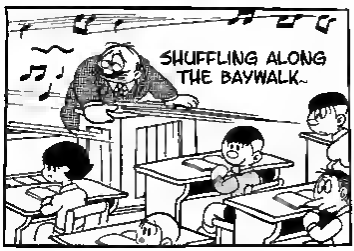
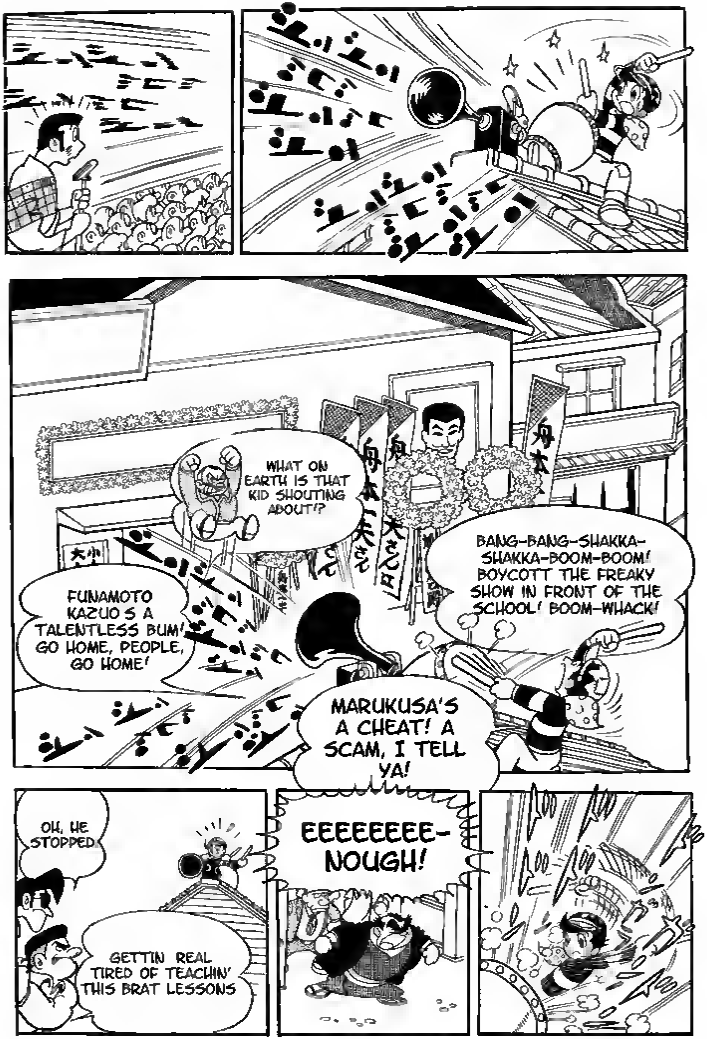

WANNA SHOW HER I LOVE HER~
ONLY SHE CAN SAVE MY WRETCHED HEART~
MY BITTER, TEAR-FILLED LOVE~
OH, THESE KURILE ISLANDS~
UNDER THE HALF-MOON'S
GLOWWWW~

I WALK ALOOOOOOOONE~
HM-HMM.


SHUFFLING ALONG THE BAYWALK~

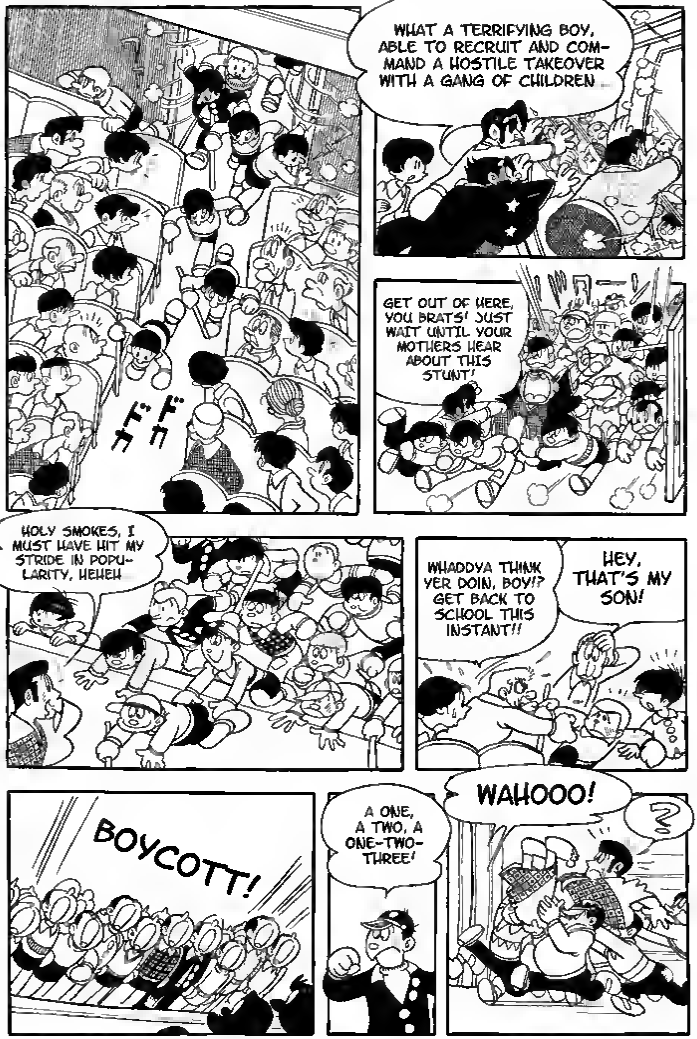
I WAS BORN WITH FIVE FINGERS... BUT TOGETHER, A MAN CAN ONLY HOLD ONTO A SINGLE LIFE...
THE FUNAMOTO KAZUO SHOW
HEHEH, PEOPLE DON'T EVEN REALIZE WE SUBSTITUED FUNAKI KAZUO WITH AN IMITATOR NAMED FUNAMOTO KAZUO.*
HOW'S THE CASH ROLLING IN?
NATURALLY, THE SCHOOL'S BOARD AND PTA HAVE NO PROBLEMS SAVING MONEY ON TALENT
HM, THAT SO?
DUNNO HOW, BUT THE CROWD'S EATIN' UP HIS PERFORMANCE LIKE IT'S CHOCOLATE CAKE.
SEE FER YERSELF. THIS GUY'S BOTTOM OF THE BARREL MATERIAL
BOSS, WE'S GOT BIG TROUBLE.
HEHEH... I COULDN'T BEAR DISPLEASING YOU, SIR. WHY IF YOU LOOKED UPON ME WITH DISAPPOINTMENT, I'D HAVE TO SKIP TOWN.
WELL, IF NOBODY'S COMPLAINING, WHAT'S THERE TO WORRY ABOUT? HEHEHE.

NOTE: THE KANJI FOR FUNAKI AND FUNAMOTO ARE LITERALLY ONE STROKE AWAY FROM EACH OTHER. FUNAKI KAZUO IS A JAPANESE ENKA SINGER FROM THE 1960S


WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT KID SHOUTING ABOUT!?
BANG-BANG-SHAKKA-SHAKKA-BOOM-BOOM! BOYCOTT THE FREAKY SHOW IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL! BOOM-WHACK!
FUNAMOTO KAZUO'S A TALENTLESS BUM! GO HOME, PEOPLE, GO HOME!
MARUKUSA'S A CHEAT! A SCAM, I TELL YA!
OH, HE STOPPED.
GETTIN REAL TIRED OF TEACHIN' THIS BRAT LESSONS
EEEEEEEE-NOUGH!

WHAT ARE YOU LETTING A SINGLE KID BADMOUTH ME FOR!? GET HIM OUTTA MY SIGHT!
BETTER START RUNNIN NOW, KID BEFORE THE BOSS SENDS YOU PACKIN'
THE ONLY LESSON THAT NEEDS TEACHING AROUND HERE IS MINE UNDERHANDED ADULTS LIKE YOU GUYS ARE SCOUNDRELS!
EEEEH?
APPEARS HE'S CONVINCED EVERY CHILD IN THE VILLAGE TO JOIN HIS REBELLION.
HM!?
WELL SIR THAT'S THE PROBLEM THERE ISN'T JUST ONE KID THIS TIME...
ERK!

FIFTY! ERR, A HUNDRED! NO, AN ARMADA OF OVER 150 ANKLEBITERS!
CHAAAARGE!
SIGN TO LEFT OF DOORWAY: CHILD'S FEE. 50 ADULT'S FEE. 100
SIGN TO RIGHT OF DOORWAY: MARUKUSA PRESENTS
SHINICHI, YOU HELLION! THIS IS GOING OVERBOARD!
WAAAAAH! BOSS, WE'RE TRAPPED!
AAAAH! THIS BEHAVIOR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED, CHILDREN!


WHAT A TERRIFYING BOY, ABLE TO RECRUIT AND COMMAND A HOSTILE TAKEOVER WITH A GANG OF CHILDREN...
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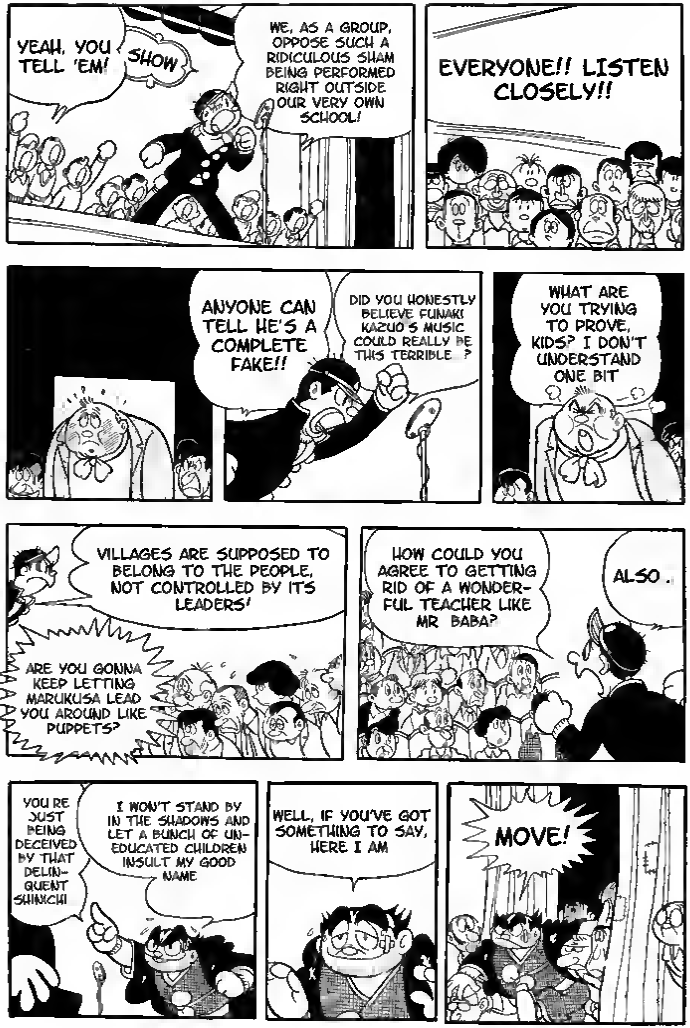
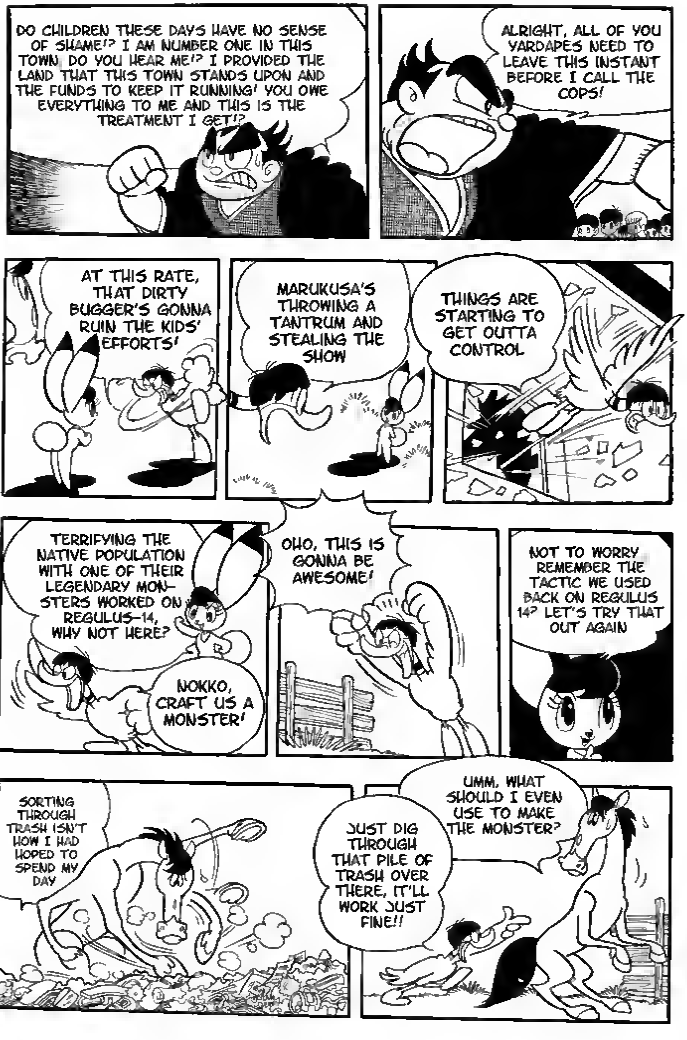
GET OUT OF HERE, YOU BRATS! JUST WAIT UNTIL YOUR MOTHERS HEAR ABOUT THIS STUNT!
HOLY SMOKES, I MUST HAVE HIT MY STRIDE IN POPULARITY, HEHEH
WHADDYA THINK YER DOIN, BOY!? GET BACK TO SCHOOL THIS INSTANT!!
HEY, THAT'S MY SON!
BOYCOTT!
A ONE, A TWO, A ONE-TWO-THREE!
WAHOOO!


YEAH, YOU TELL 'EM! SHOW
WE, AS A GROUP, OPPOSE SUCH A RIDICULOUS SHAM BEING PERFORMED RIGHT OUTSIDE OUR VERY OWN SCHOOL!
EVERYONE!! LISTEN CLOSELY!!
ANYONE CAN TELL HE'S A COMPLETE FAKE!!
DID YOU HONESTLY BELIEVE FUNAKI KAZUO'S MUSIC COULD REALLY BE THIS TERRIBLE ?
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PROVE, KIDS? I DON'T UNDERSTAND ONE BIT
VILLAGES ARE SUPPOSED TO BELONG TO THE PEOPLE, NOT CONTROLLED BY ITS LEADERS!
ARE YOU GONNA KEEP LETTING MARUKUSA LEAD YOU AROUND LIKE PUPPETS?
HOW COULD YOU AGREE TO GETTING RID OF A WONDERFUL TEACHER LIKE MR BABA?
ALSO .
YOU'RE JUST BEING DECEIVED BY THAT DELINQUENT SUNICHI!
I WON'T STAND BY IN THE SHADOWS AND LET A BUNCH OF UNEDUCATED CHILDREN INSULT MY GOOD NAME
WELL, IF YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SAY, HERE I AM
MOVE!

FINE, WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME?
SURE, SHIN MIGHT BE A RUFFIAN, BUT HE'S STILL GOT A HEART OF GOLD!
SHIN'S A REAL STAND-UP GUY!
TAKE THAT BACK! SHIN AIN'T NO DELIN-QUENT!
BOOK RECORDS
START READING!!
#07
QUIT DANCIN' AROUND THE PROBLEM, OLD MAN!
BOOK RECORDS
WHO IN THE BLAZES WROTE THIS TRASH!?
WITHIN THOSE DOCUMENTS YOU'LL FIND ACCURATE RECORDS OF SHIN'S ACTIONS AND REASONS FOR DOING SO AFTER READING THAT, WE ALL UNDERSTOOD JUST HOW KIND-HEARTED SHINICHI REALLY IS!!
#07
IT IS THE TRUTH!!
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!!
HAH! YOU SERIOUSLY EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THESE LITTLE FAIRY-TALES YOU'VE GONE AND IMAGINED UP ARE SUPPOSED TO BE THE TRUTH, LITTLE GIRL!?
I WROTE IT.

SURE, WE'LL GIVE YOU A HAND, KANOKO.
LOOK, WE NEED TO HELP SHINICHI.
WE DECIDED TO HELP SHIN ON OUR OWN.
I'VE COLLECTED THESE FACTS AFTER OBSERVING SHINICHI MYSELF.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, I CAN TAKE CARE OF THINGS BY MYSELF.
SHIN, HOW'S A LITTLE BACKUP SOUND TO YOU?
ALRIGHT, PEOPLE! WE'LL ROUND UP BEHIND THE SCHOOL LATER!
SHUDDAP!
FINE, IF HE DOESN'T WANT OUR HELP, WE'LL JUST RUN PARALLEL TO HIS OPPOSITION OF MARUKUSA!
ENOUGH OF THIS TRIPE!!
I SAID SHUDDAP!!


DO CHILDREN THESE DAYS HAVE NO SENSE OF SHAME!? I AM NUMBER ONE IN THIS TOWN, DO YOU HEAR ME!? I PROVIDED THE LAND THAT THIS TOWN STANDS UPON AND THE FUNDS TO KEEP IT RUNNING! YOU OWE EVERYTHING TO ME AND THIS IS THE TREATMENT I GET!?
ALRIGHT, ALL OF YOU YARDAPES NEED TO LEAVE THIS INSTANT BEFORE I CALL THE COPS!
AT THIS RATE, THAT DIRTY BUGGER'S GONNA RUIN THE KIDS' EFFORTS!
MARUKUSA'S THROWING A TANTRUM AND STEALING THE SHOW
THINGS ARE STARTING TO GET OUTTA CONTROL
TERRIFYING THE NATIVE POPULATION WITH ONE OF THEIR LEGENDARY MONSTERS WORKED ON REGULUS-14, WHY NOT HERE?
NOKKO, CRAFT US A MONSTER!
OHO, THIS IS GONNA BE AWESOME!
NOT TO WORRY REMEMBER THE TACTIC WE USED BACK ON REGULUS 14? LET'S TRY THAT OUT AGAIN
SORTING THROUGH TRASH ISN'T HOW I HAD HOPED TO SPEND MY DAY
JUST DIG THROUGH THAT PILE OF TRASH OVER THERE, IT'LL WORK JUST FINE!!
UMM, WHAT SHOULD I EVEN USE TO MAKE THE MONSTER?

DANG, YOU REALLY WENT THE WHOLE NINE YARDS ON THIS ONE, NOKKO.
I'M NOT SURE, BUT THIS SHOULD MAKE FOR A PRETTY DECENT TENGU KINDA JUST WENT WITH MY GUT INSTINCT AND MY IMAGINATION
...
EVERY ONE OF YOU KNOWS AND UNDERST. NOSE AND... KNOWS. NOSE?
TOWNSPEOPLE, I'M ORDERING YOU TO RETURN THESE CHILDREN TO THEIR HOMES SHOW'S OVER! NO REFUNDS!
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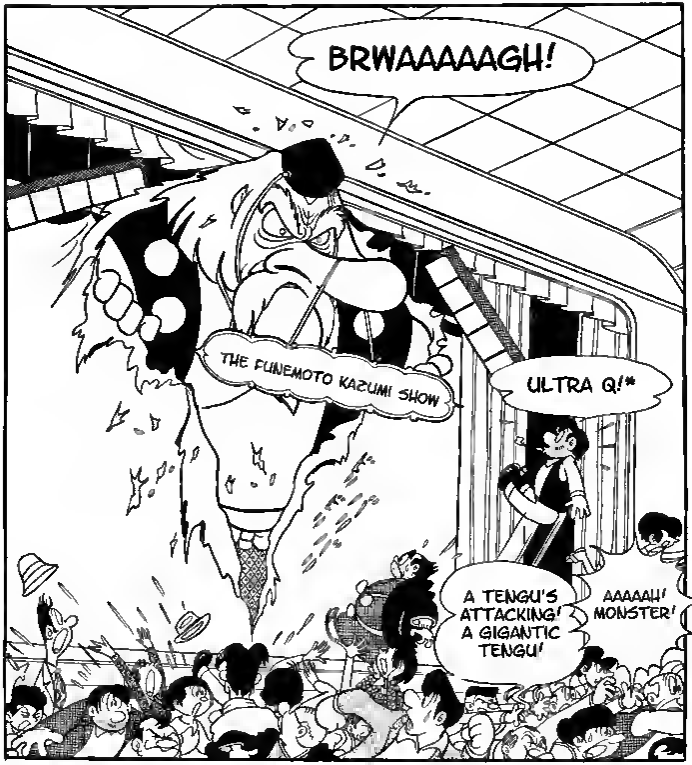
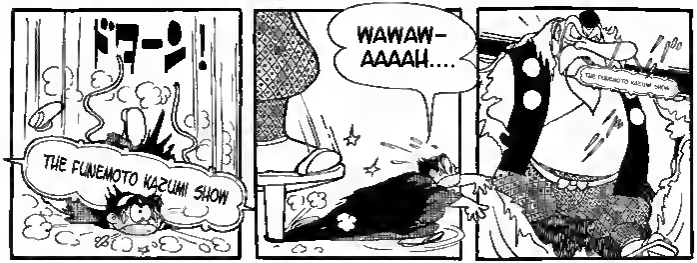
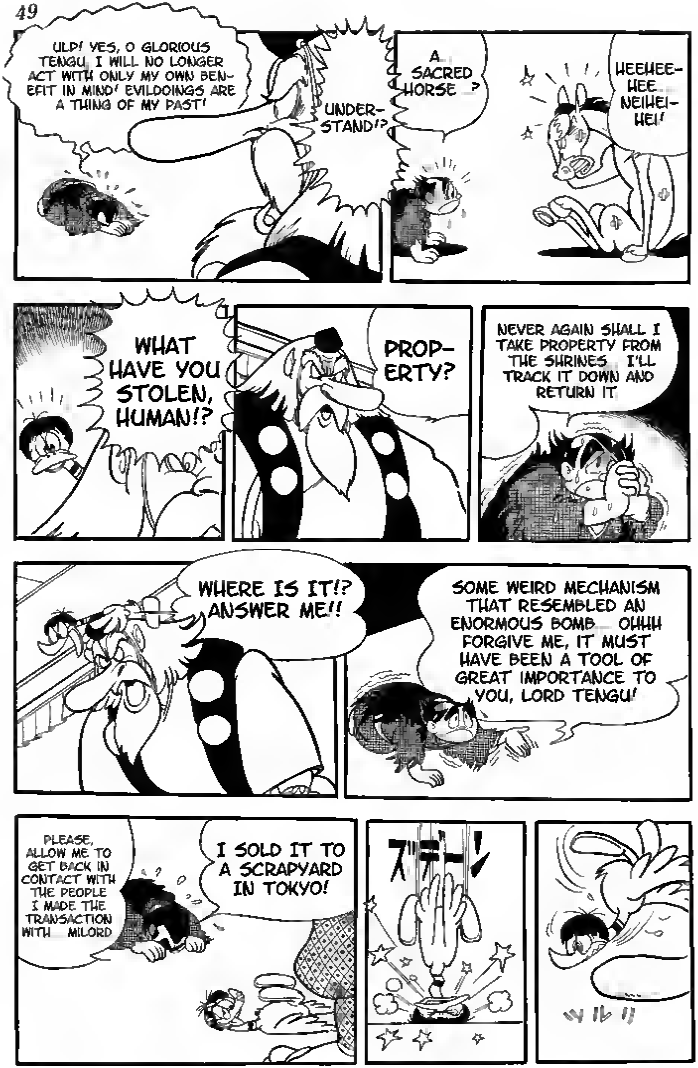
NOTE: ULTRA Q IS AN OLD JAPANESE SCI-FI/HORROR SHOW SIMILAR IN CONCEPT TO X-FILES OR THE TWILIGHT ZONE





I WAS BORN FROM JUNK AND DUST— REGARDLESS, I AM WITHOUT A DOUBT THE TENGU YOU KNOW AND FEAR!
LANDLORD OF GREED!
PLEASE SPARE ME! TAKE ANYTHING! ANYTHING BUT MY LIFE!
NO I DON'T WANNA DIE
YOUR SELFISH BEHAVIOR HAS GONE ON FOR FAR TOO LONG DIVINE PUNISHMENT IS IN ORDER!
SHHH!
WAAHA-AHAA! EARTH-LINGS SURE ARE FUN TO SCARE!
YIKES!!
AAH-AHA!


ULP! YES, O GLORIOUS TENGU, I WILL NO LONGER ACT WITH ONLY MY OWN BENEFIT IN MIND! EVILDOINGS ARE A THING OF MY PAST!
UNDERSTAND!?
A SACRED HORSE?
HEEHEE-HEE... NEIHEI-HEI!
WHAT HAVE YOU STOLEN, HUMAN!?
PROPERTY?
NEVER AGAIN SHALL I TAKE PROPERTY FROM THE SHRINES... I'LL TRACK IT DOWN AND RETURN IT
WHERE IS IT!? ANSWER ME!!
SOME WEIRD MECHANISM THAT RESEMBLED AN ENORMOUS BOMB... OHHH FORGIVE ME, IT MUST HAVE BEEN A TOOL OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO YOU, LORD TENGU!
PLEASE, ALLOW ME TO GET BACK IN CONTACT WITH THE PEOPLE I MADE THE TRANSACTION WITH... MILORD
I SOLD IT TO A SCRAPYARD IN TOKYO!
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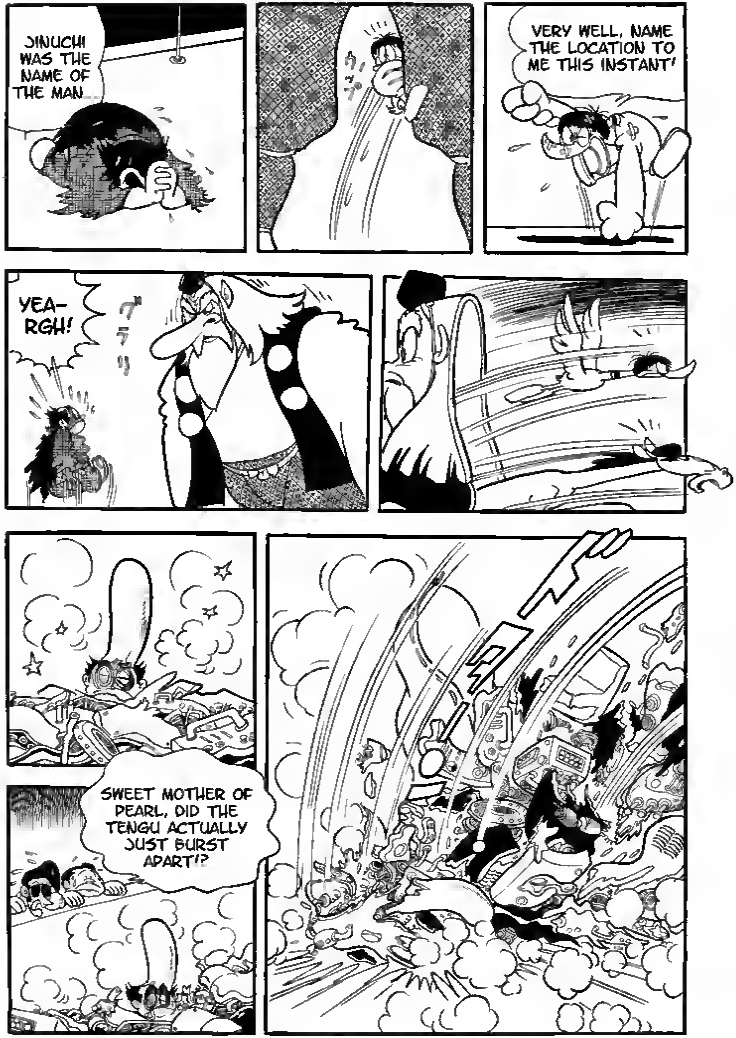
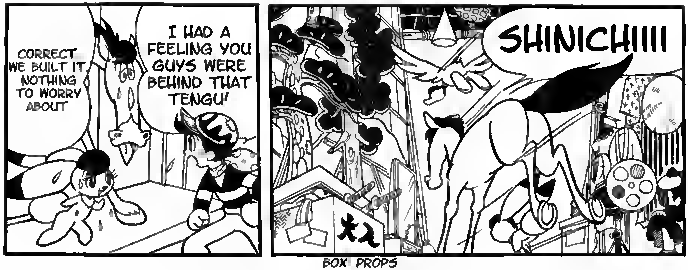
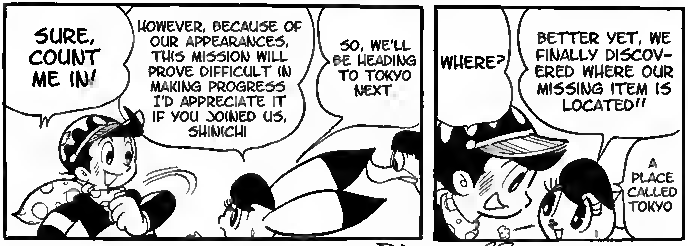
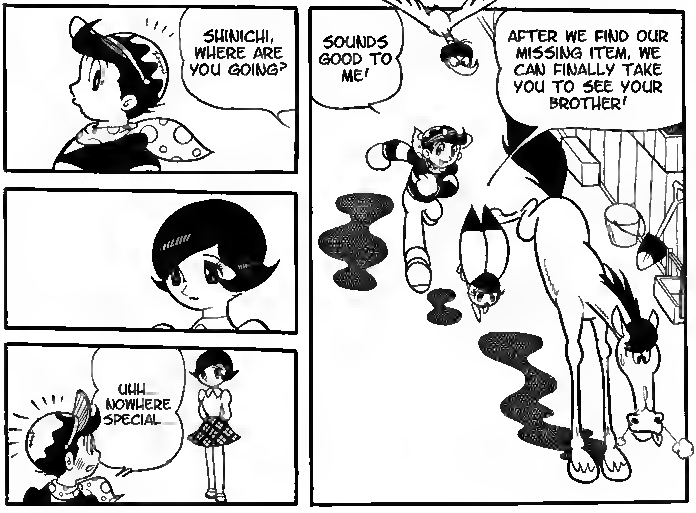
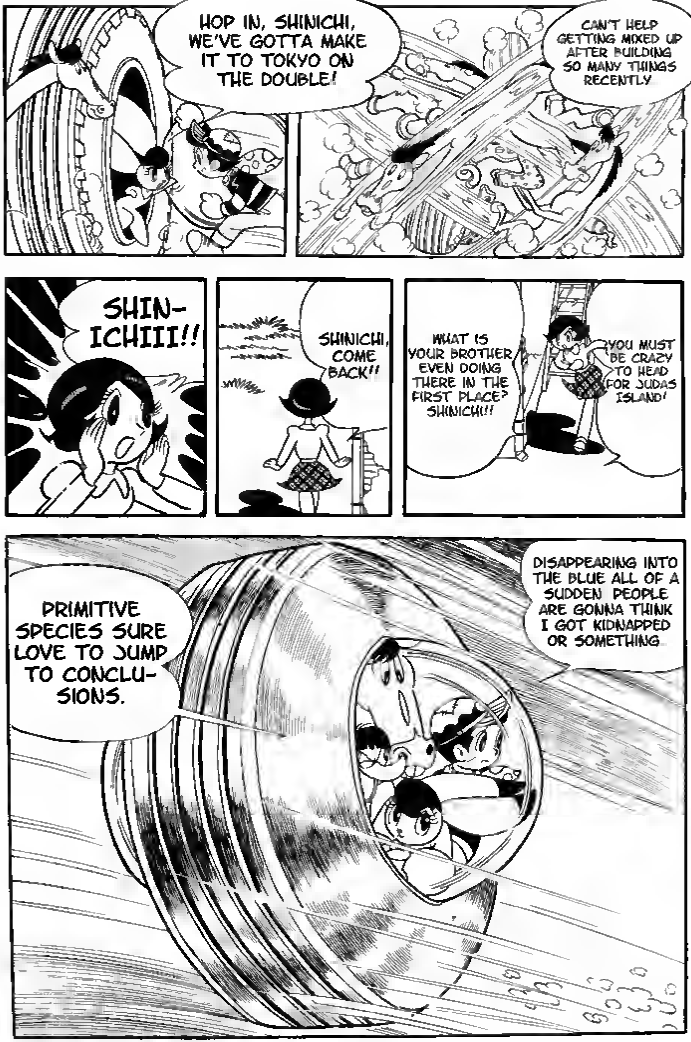

JINUCHI WAS THE NAME OF THE MAN...
VERY WELL, NAME THE LOCATION TO ME THIS INSTANT!
YEA-RGH!
SWEET MOTHER OF PEARL, DID THE TENGU ACTUALLY JUST BURST APART!?

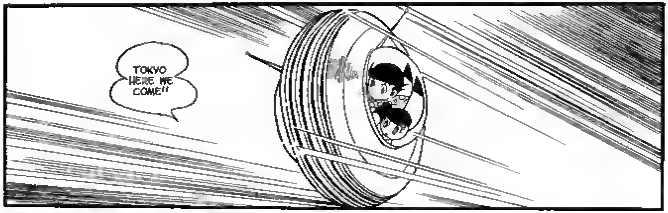

CORRECT. WE BUILT IT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT
I HAD A FEELING YOU GUYS WERE BEHIND THAT TENGU!
SHINICHIIII
BOX PROPS

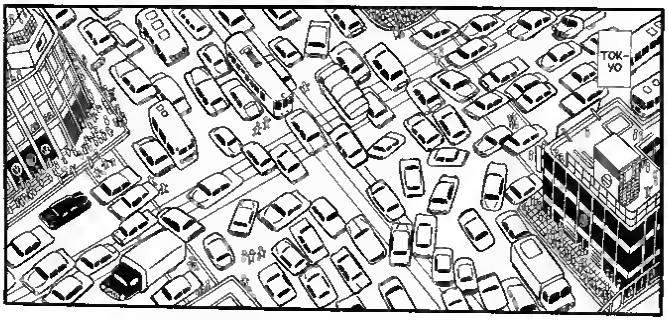

SURE, COUNT ME IN!
HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF OUR APPEARANCES, THIS MISSION WILL PROVE DIFFICULT IN MAKING PROGRESS I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU JOINED US, SHINICHI
SO, WE'LL BE HEADING TO TOKYO NEXT
WHERE?
BETTER YET, WE FINALLY DISCOVERED WHERE OUR MISSING ITEM IS LOCATED!!
A PLACE CALLED TOKYO

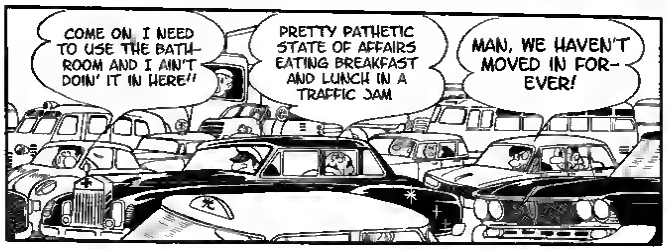

SHINICHI, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
SOUNDS GOOD TO ME!
AFTER WE FIND OUR MISSING ITEM, WE CAN FINALLY TAKE YOU TO SEE YOUR BROTHER!
UHH... NOWHERE SPECIAL

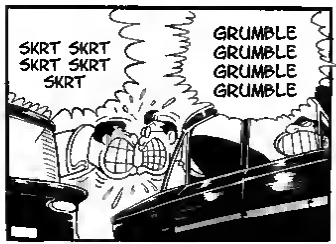
HURRY UP, WE NEED TO MAKE IT TO JUDAS ISLAND BEFORE TIME RUNS OUT!
SHINICHI, PLEASE FORGET ABOUT THAT GIRL FOR NOW.
ARE YOU HONESTLY LEAVING WITHOUT EXPLAINING A THING TO ME!?
SEE YA LATER!
WAIT, SHIN-ICHI!
NOKKO, BUILD US A BIG ROLLIE, PRONTO!
TAKE CARE WHILE I'M GONE!!
HEADING TO A PLACE CALLED JUDAS ISLAND TO SEE MY BIG BROTHER!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?
OOPS, WRONG IDEA.


HOP IN, SHINICHI, WE'VE GOTTA MAKE IT TO TOKYO ON THE DOUBLE!
CAN'T HELP GETTING MIXED UP AFTER BUILDING SO MANY THINGS RECENTLY
SHIN-ICHIII!!
SHINICHI, COME BACK!!
WHAT IS YOUR BROTHER EVEN DOING THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE? SHINICHI!!
YOU MUST BE CRAZY TO HEAD FOR JUDAS ISLAND!
PRIMITIVE SPECIES SURE LOVE TO JUMP TO CONCLU-SIONS.
DISAPPEARING INTO THE BLUE ALL OF A SUDDEN PEOPLE ARE GONNA THINK I GOT KIDNAPPED OR SOMETHING


TOKYO HERE WE COME!!


TOK-YO


COME ON, I NEED TO USE THE BATH-ROOM AND I AIN'T DOIN' IT IN HERE!!
PRETTY PATHETIC STATE OF AFFAIRS EATING BREAKFAST AND LUNCH IN A TRAFFIC JAM
MAN, WE HAVEN'T MOVED IN FOR-EVER!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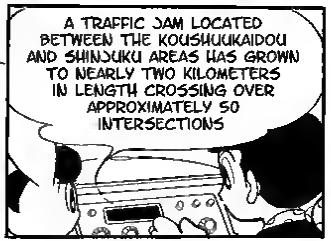
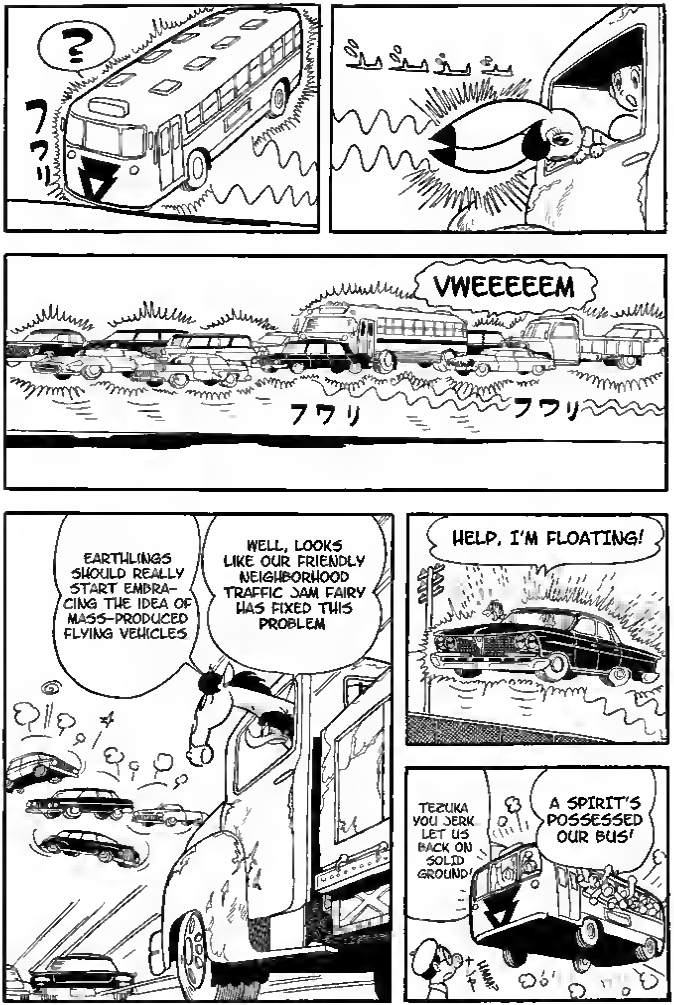

A TRAFFIC JAM LOCATED BETWEEN THE KOUSHUUKAIDOU AND SHINJUKU AREAS HAS GROWN TO NEARLY TWO KILOMETERS IN LENGTH CROSSING OVER APPROXIMATELY 50 INTERSECTIONS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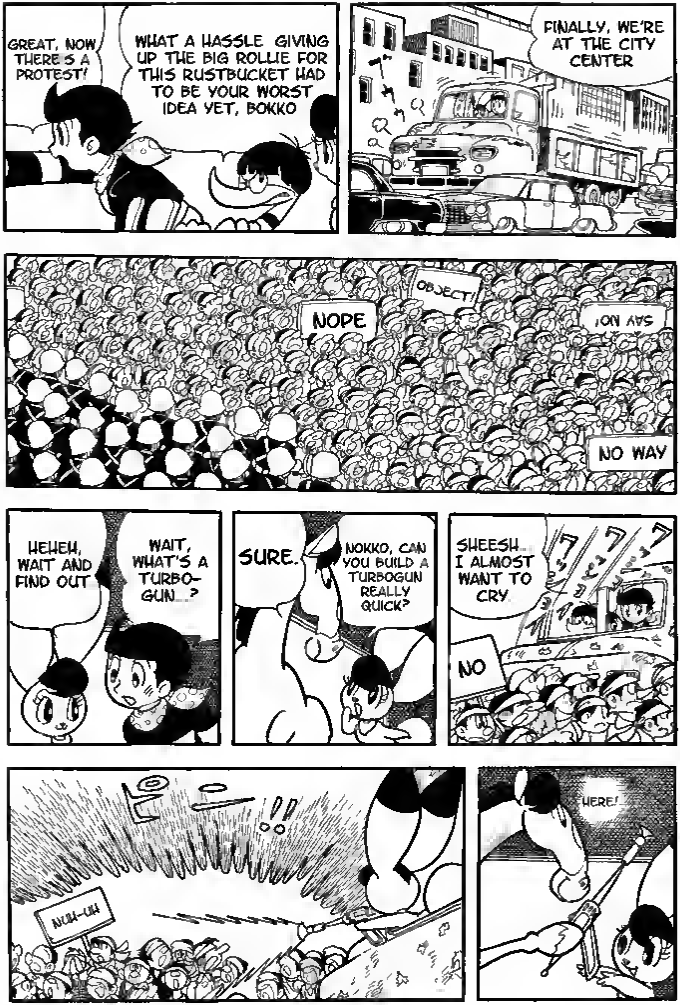
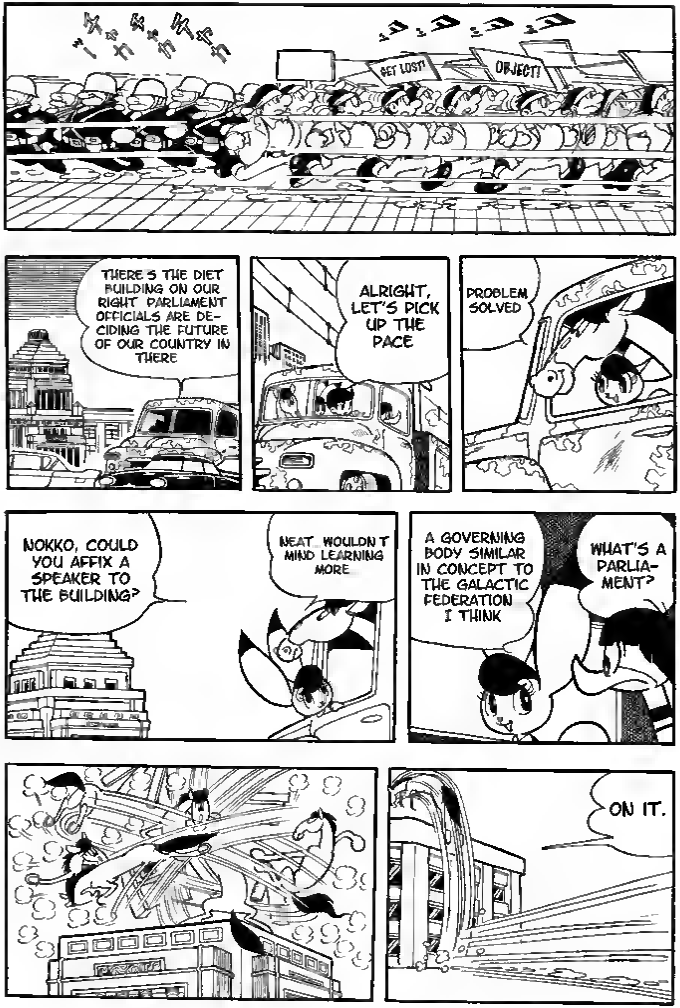
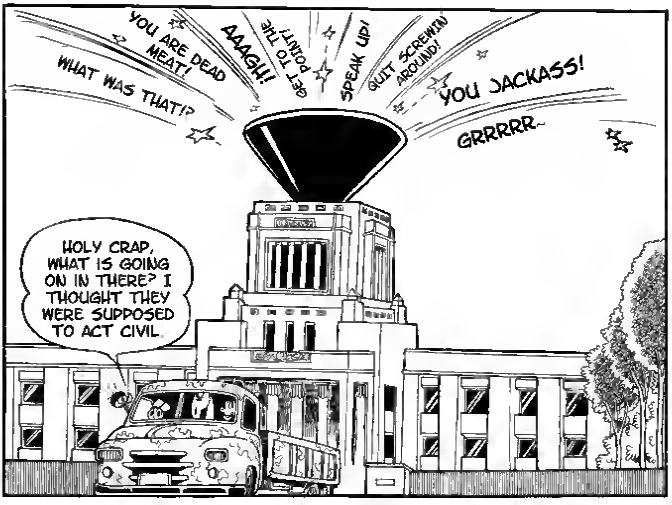
EARTHLINGS SHOULD REALLY START EMBRACING THE IDEA OF MASS-PRODUCED FLYING VEHICLES
WELL, LOOKS LIKE OUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC JAM FAIRY HAS FIXED THIS PROBLEM
HELP, I'M FLOATING!
TEZUKA YOU JERK LET US BACK ON SOLID GROUND!
A SPIRIT'S POSSESSED OUR BUS!
UHMP

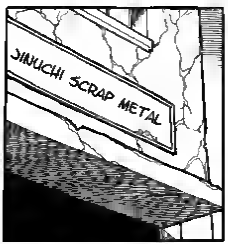

GREAT, NOW THERE'S A PROTEST!
WHAT A HASSLE GIVING UP THE BIG ROLLIE FOR THIS RUSTBUCKET HAD TO BE YOUR WORST IDEA YET, BOKKO
FINALLY, WE'RE AT THE CITY CENTER
OBJECT!
NOPE
¡ON AYS
NO WAY
HEHEH, WAIT AND FIND OUT
WAIT, WHAT'S A TURBO-GUN...?
SURE.
NOKKO, CAN YOU BUILD A TURBOGUN REALLY QUICK?
SHEESH... I ALMOST WANT TO CRY
NO
AVAV-AH
HERE!

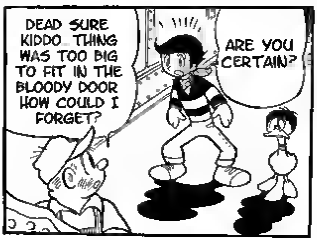

GET LOST!
OBJECT!
THERE'S THE DIET BUILDING ON OUR RIGHT. PARLIAMENT OFFICIALS ARE DECIDING THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY IN THERE
ALRIGHT, LET'S PICK UP THE PACE
PROBLEM SOLVED
NOKKO, COULD YOU AFFIX A SPEAKER TO THE BUILDING?
HEAT. WOULDN'T MIND LEARNING MORE
A GOVERNING BODY SIMILAR IN CONCEPT TO THE GALACTIC FEDERATION I THINK
WHAT'S A PARLIAMENT?
ON IT.

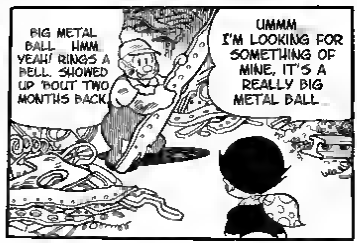

WHAT WAS THAT!?
YOU ARE DEAD MEAT!
AAAGH!
GET TO THE POINT!
SPEAK UP!
QUIT SCREWIN AROUND!
YOU JACKASS!
GRRRRR
HOLY CRAP, WHAT IS GOING ON IN THERE? I THOUGHT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO ACT CIVIL.

EXCUSE ME, SIR

HERE'S THE PLACE


JINUCHI SCRAP METAL

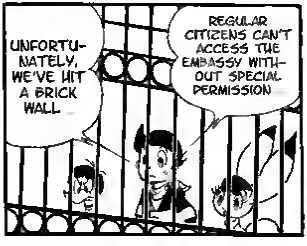

DEAD SURE KIDDO THING WAS TOO BIG TO FIT IN THE BLOODY DOOR HOW COULD I FORGET?
ARE YOU CERTAIN?

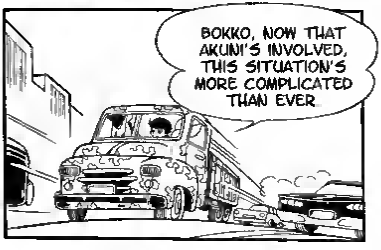

BIG METAL BALL. HMM. YEAH! RINGS A BELL. SHOWED UP 'BOUT TWO MONTHS BACK.
UMMM I'M LOOKING FOR SOMETHING OF MINE, IT'S A REALLY BIG METAL BALL.

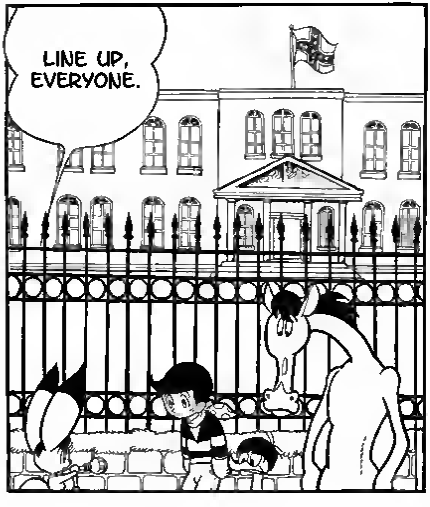
WHADDYA WANT WITH THAT BALL ANYWAYS KID?

AKUNI'S EMBASSY!?

RIGHT, SOME BOYS FROM THE HARDBOILED ENTERPRISES CAME AROUND AND OFFERED TO STORE IT AT THEIR WAREHOUSE. SAW SOME PEOPLE FROM AKUNI'S INTERNATIONAL EMBASSY WITH 'EM TOO.

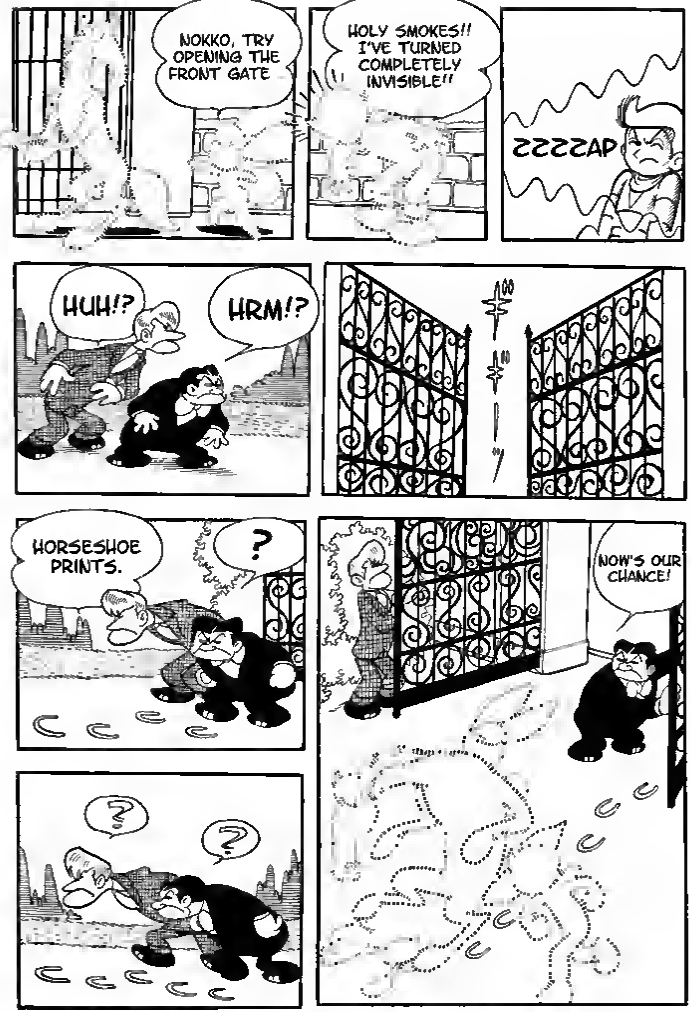

UNFORTU-NATELY, WE'VE HIT A BRICK WALL...
REGULAR CITIZENS CAN'T ACCESS THE EMBASSY WITH-OUT SPECIAL PERMISSION


BOKKO, NOW THAT AKUNI'S INVOLVED, THIS SITUATION'S MORE COMPLICATED THAN EVER.


LINE UP, EVERYONE.

YEAH, BUT THAT'S CRAZY TALK
SO, IF THEY DON'T KNOW WE'RE INSIDE, THERE WON'T BE ANY PROB-LEMS?

WELL, IF WE USE THIS DEVICE WE SHOULD HAVE ABOUT AN HOUR OF TIME TO PERFORM OUR INVESTIGATION


NOKKO, TRY OPENING THE FRONT GATE
HOLY SMOKES!! I'VE TURNED COMPLETELY INVISIBLE!!
ZZZZAP
HUH!?
HRM!?
HORSESHOE PRINTS.
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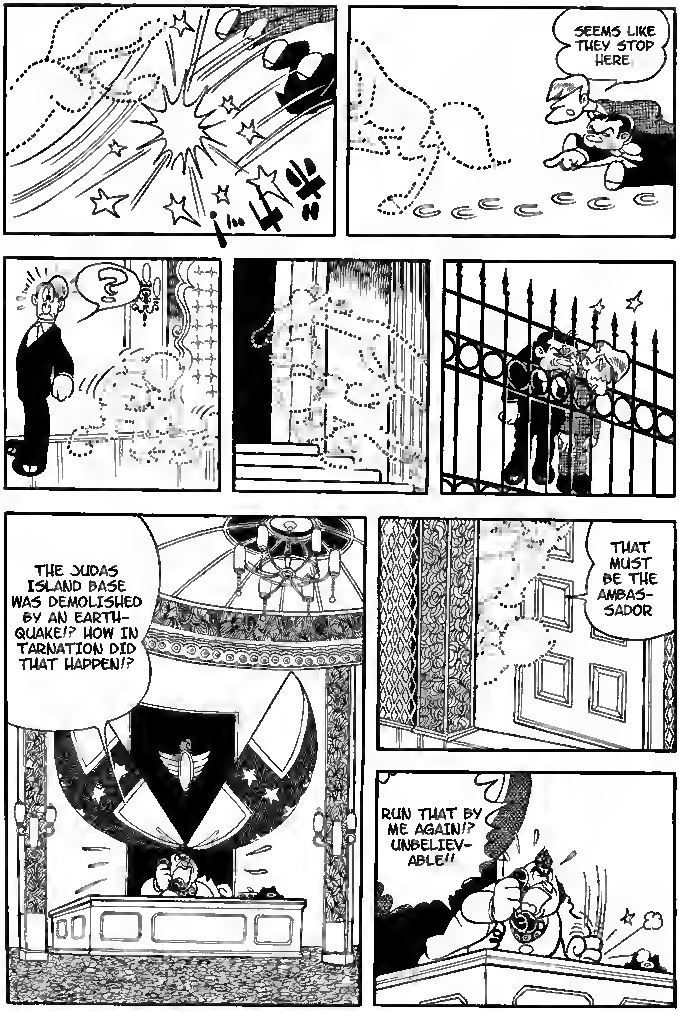
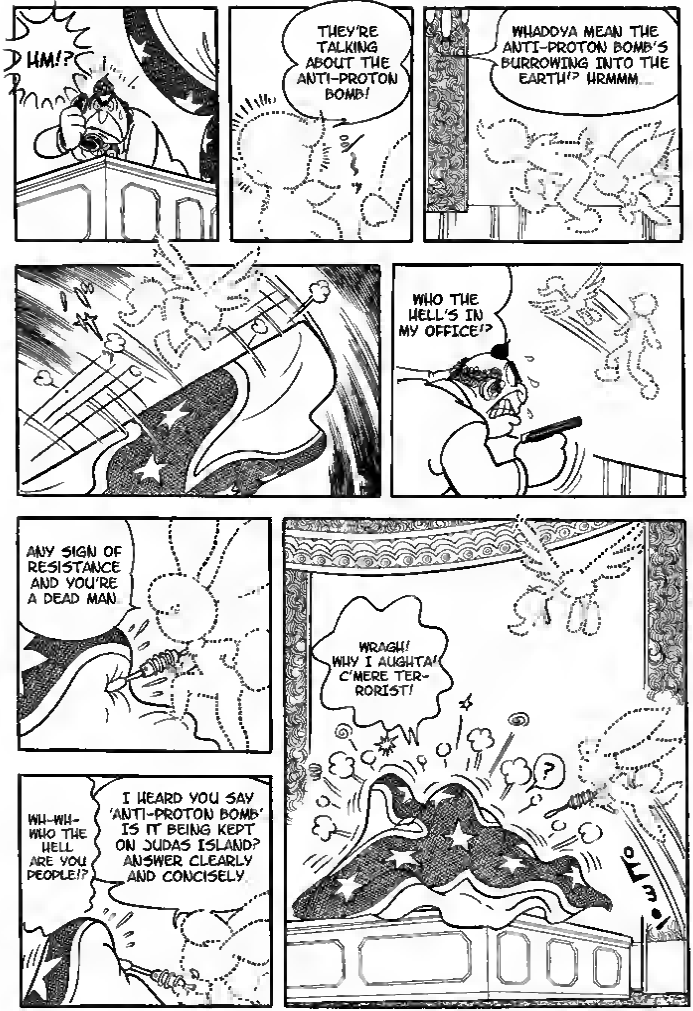
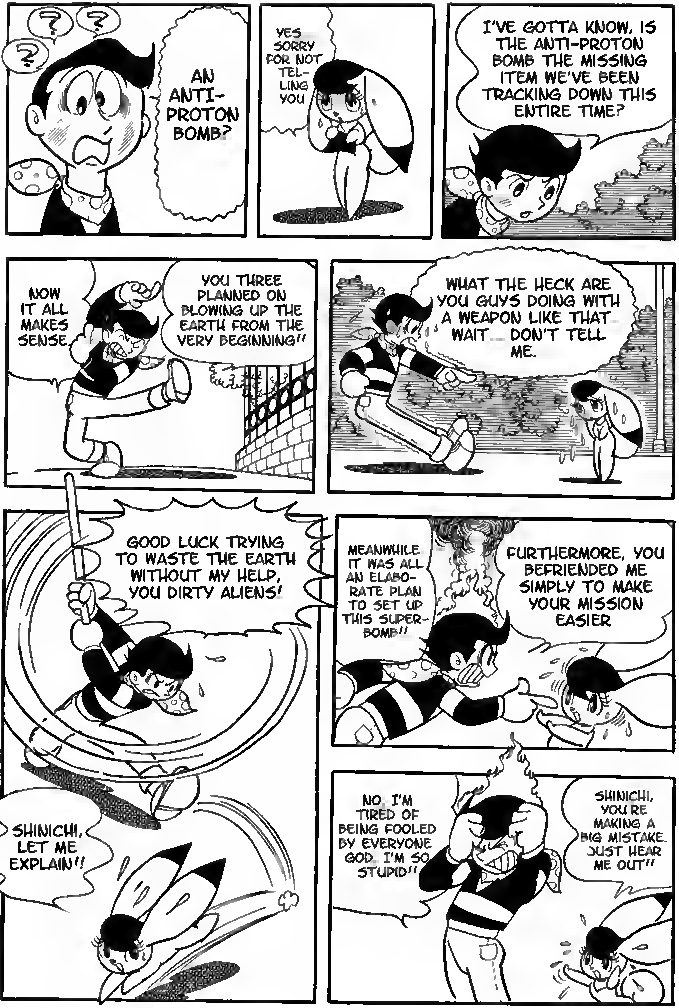
NOW'S OUR CHANCE!


SEEMS LIKE THEY STOP HERE
THE JUDAS ISLAND BASE WAS DEMOLISHED BY AN EARTH-QUAKE!? HOW IN TARNATION DID THAT HAPPEN!?
THAT MUST BE THE AMBAS-SADOR
RUN THAT BY ME AGAIN!? UNBELIEV-ABLE!!


HM!?
THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT THE ANTI-PROTON BOMB!
WHADDYA MEAN THE ANTI-PROTON BOMB'S BURROWING INTO THE EARTH!? HRMMM...
WHO THE HELL'S IN MY OFFICE!?
ANY SIGN OF RESISTANCE AND YOU'RE A DEAD MAN.
WRAGH! WHY I AUGHTA! C'MERE TER-RORIST!
WH-WH-WHO THE HELL ARE YOU PEOPLE!?
I HEARD YOU SAY 'ANTI-PROTON BOMB' IS IT BEING KEPT ON JUDAS ISLAND? ANSWER CLEARLY AND CONCISELY
THUD

GOOD GUESS, AMBASSADOR DUM-DUM GUESS THEY AIN'T PAYING YOU FOR NOTHING AFTER ALL
WHA... TH-THAT MEANS YOU'RE ALIENS, RIGHT!?
WHO WE ARE DOES NOT MATTER RIGHT NOW WHAT DOES MATTER IS THAT ANTI-PROTON BOMB BELONGS TO US AND WE WANT IT BACK IMMEDIATELY
THIS IS FOR F4, YA SMARMY CREEP!
PUKKO, ERASE HIS MEMORIES!
Y-Y-YEAH THE BOMB'S ON JUDAS ISLAND NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! PLEASE DON'T KILL MEE-HEEHEE!
NOW, IF YOU'LL SIMPLY ANSWER THE QUESTION WE CAN BE ON OUR MERRY WAY AND YOU CAN GET BACK TO YOUR IMPORTANT JOB
HAVE A TASTE OF THAT!
HOLD IT, BOKKO!!
NOKKO, WE'LL NEED A FISHMOBILE!!
NEXT STOP, JUDAS ISLAND!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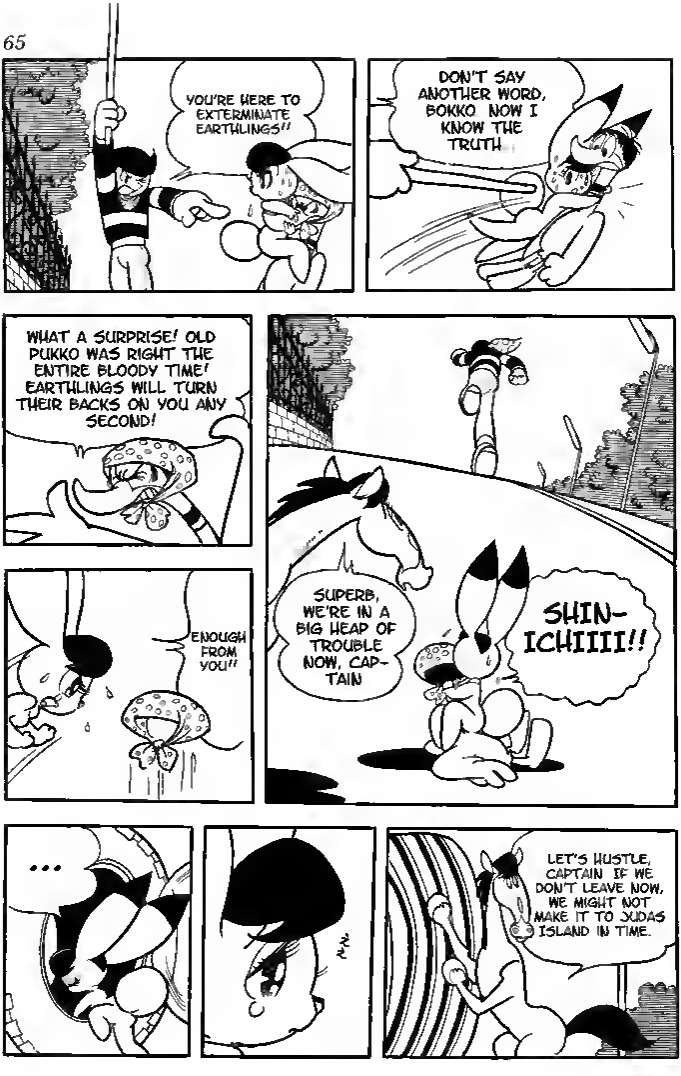
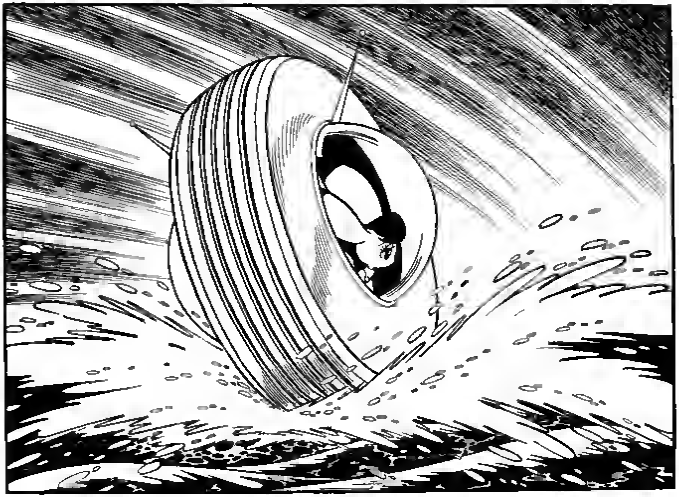
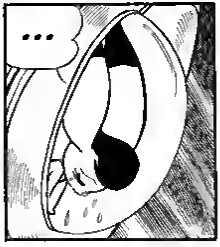
AN ANTI-PROTON BOMB?
YES. SORRY FOR NOT TELLING YOU
I'VE GOTTA KNOW. IS THE ANTI-PROTON BOMB THE MISSING ITEM WE'VE BEEN TRACKING DOWN THIS ENTIRE TIME?
NOW IT ALL MAKES SENSE.
YOU THREE PLANNED ON BLOWING UP THE EARTH FROM THE VERY BEGINNING!!
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU GUYS DOING WITH A WEAPON LIKE THAT... WAIT... DON'T TELL ME.
GOOD LUCK TRYING TO WASTE THE EARTH WITHOUT MY HELP, YOU DIRTY ALIENS!
SHINICHI, LET ME EXPLAIN!!
MEANWHILE, IT WAS ALL AN ELABORATE PLAN TO SET UP THIS SUPER-BOMB!!
FURTHERMORE, YOU BEFRIENDED ME SIMPLY TO MAKE YOUR MISSION EASIER
NO. I'M TIRED OF BEING FOOLED BY EVERYONE. GOD, I'M SO STUPID!!
SHINICHI, YOU'RE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE. JUST HEAR ME OUT!!


YOU'RE HERE TO EXTERMINATE EARTHLINGS!!
DON'T SAY ANOTHER WORD, BOKKO NOW I KNOW THE TRUTH...
WHAT A SURPRISE! OLD PUKKO WAS RIGHT THE ENTIRE BLOODY TIME! EARTHLINGS WILL TURN THEIR BACKS ON YOU ANY SECOND!
SUPERB, WE'RE IN A BIG HEAP OF TROUBLE NOW, CAP-TAIN
SHIN-ICHIIII!!
ENOUGH FROM YOU!!
...
LET'S HUSTLE, CAPTAIN IF WE DON'T LEAVE NOW, WE MIGHT NOT MAKE IT TO JUDAS ISLAND IN TIME.

HOW CAN I HELP YOU, SHINICHI?
WHAT!?
M, WE'VE LOCATED F7'S BROTHER
BIG NEWS, M!! ALIENS ARE TRYING TO ERADICATE THE EARTH BY USING AN ANTI-PROTON BOMB!!



NOW THAT SHINICHI'S BEEN EXPOSED TO THE TRUTH, HE WON'T THINK OF TRU-STING US AGAIN
CRYIN' NEVER BROUGHT BACK ANYBODY, CAPTAIN!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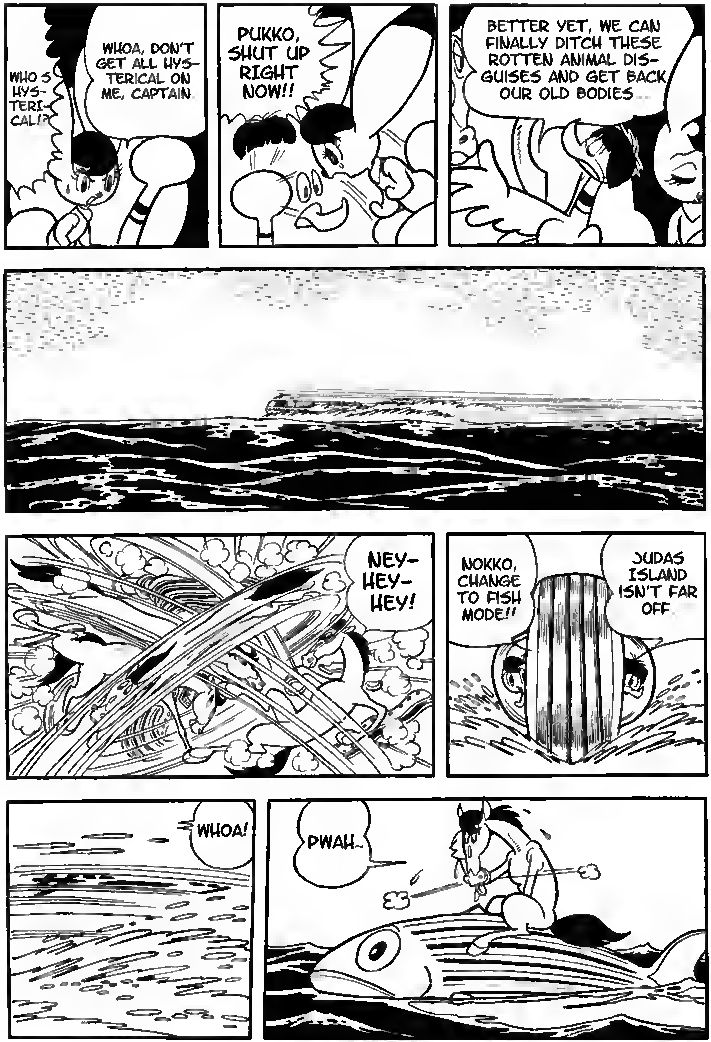
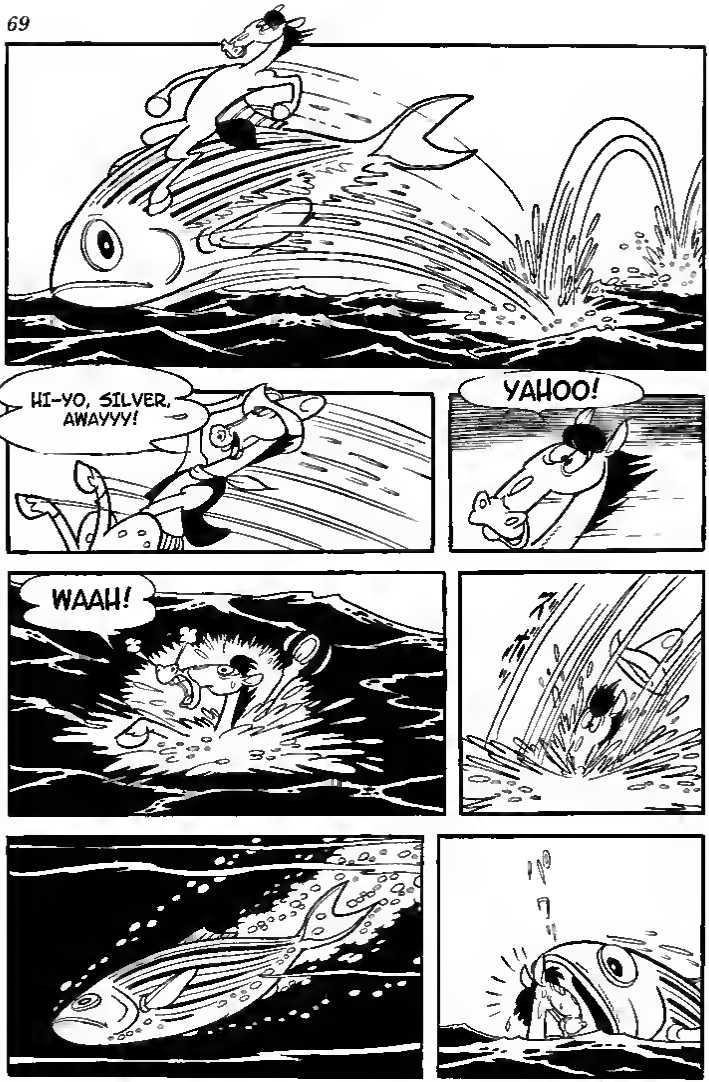
FIVE OR SIX MONTHS IN CRYOSTORAGE WILL GIVE YOU PLENTY OF TIME TO REST AND REGAIN YOUR STAMINA

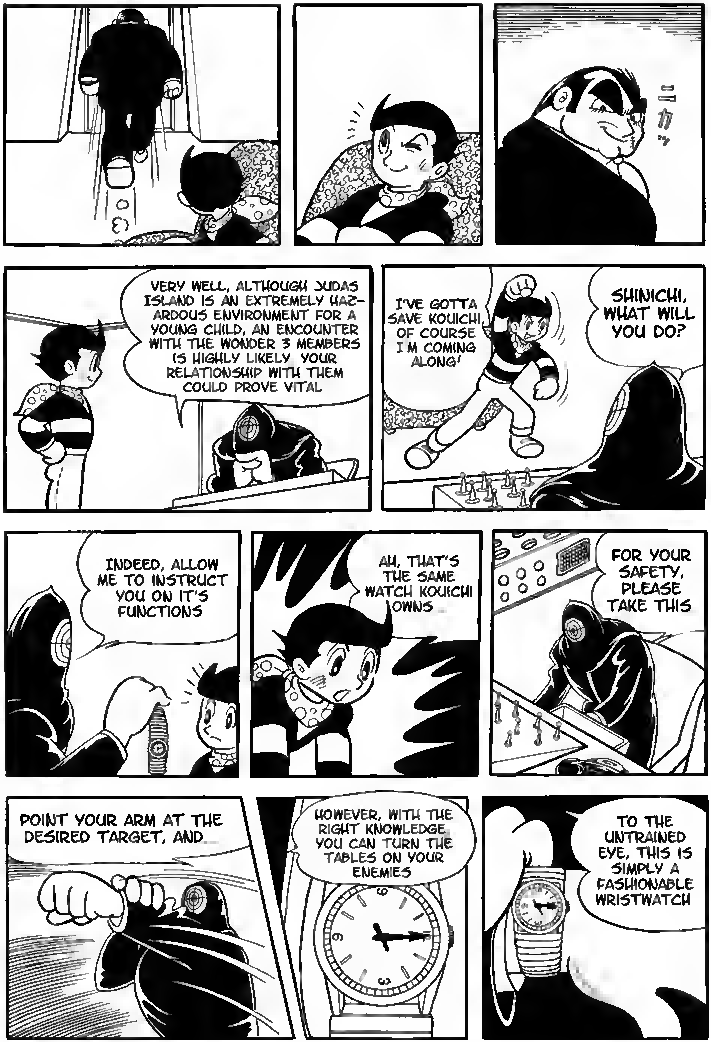
ALL WE'VE GOTTA DO IS WIPE OUT EARTH AND WE CAN HEAD BACK HOME WHERE WE BELONG

SNAP OUT OF IT, YOU'RE THE WONDER 3'S CAP-TAIN REMEMBER, EARTH ISN'T THE ONLY PLANET OUT THERE


WHO'S HYSTERICAL?
WHOA, DON'T GET ALL HYSTERICAL ON ME, CAPTAIN
PUKKO, SHUT UP RIGHT NOW!!
BETTER YET, WE CAN FINALLY DITCH THESE ROTTEN ANIMAL DISGUISES AND GET BACK OUR OLD BODIES...
HEY-HEY-HEY!
NOKKO, CHANGE TO FISH MODE!!
JUDAS ISLAND ISN'T FAR OFF
WHOA!
PWAH...


HI-YO, SILVER, AWAYYY!
YAHOO!
WAAH!

THIS IS THE THIRD TIME JUDAS ISLAND HAS BEEN A CRITICAL FOCUS
SO, THE ANTI-PROTON BOMB IS LOCATED BELOW JUDAS ISLAND
HMM, UNDERSTOOD
PREVENTING THE ALIENS FROM RECLAIMING THEIR ANTI-PROTON BOMB IS OUR GREATEST PRIORITY!! IT WOULD BE SAFER IN OUR HANDS THAN ANYWHERE ELSE
F16, YOU ARE BEING ASSIGNED TO JUDAS ISLAND, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!!
THE FATE OF EVERY HUMAN BEING ON EARTH IS RIDING ON YOUR SUCCESS
CONSIDER THIS THE FULCRUM POINT OF PHOENIX'S ANTI-ALIEN OPERATIONS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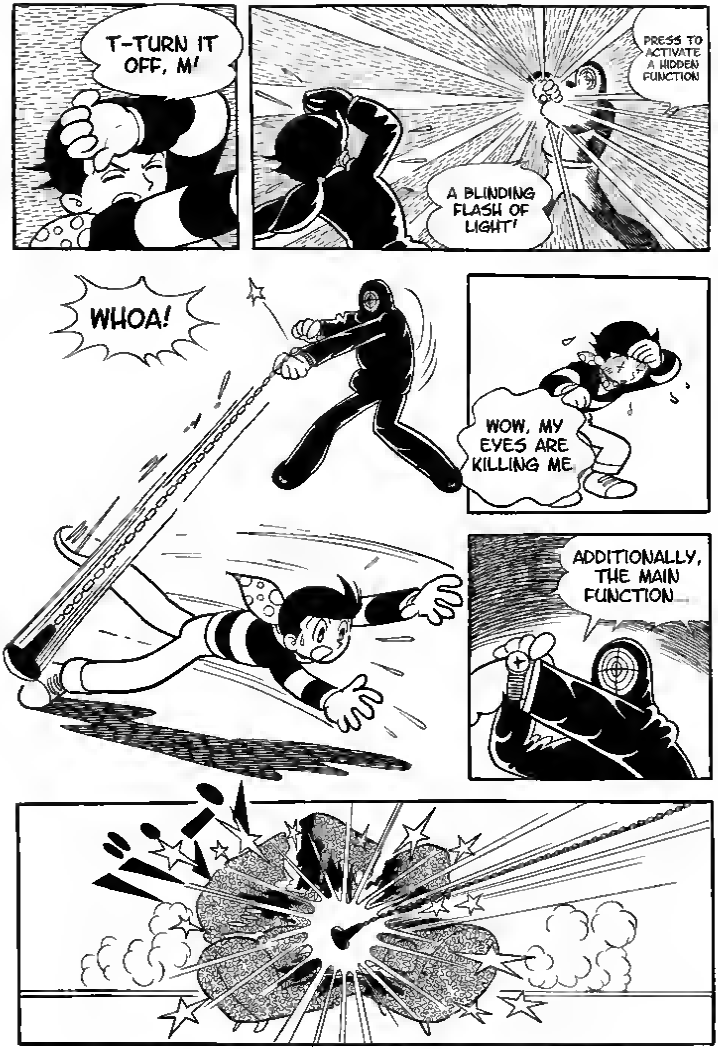
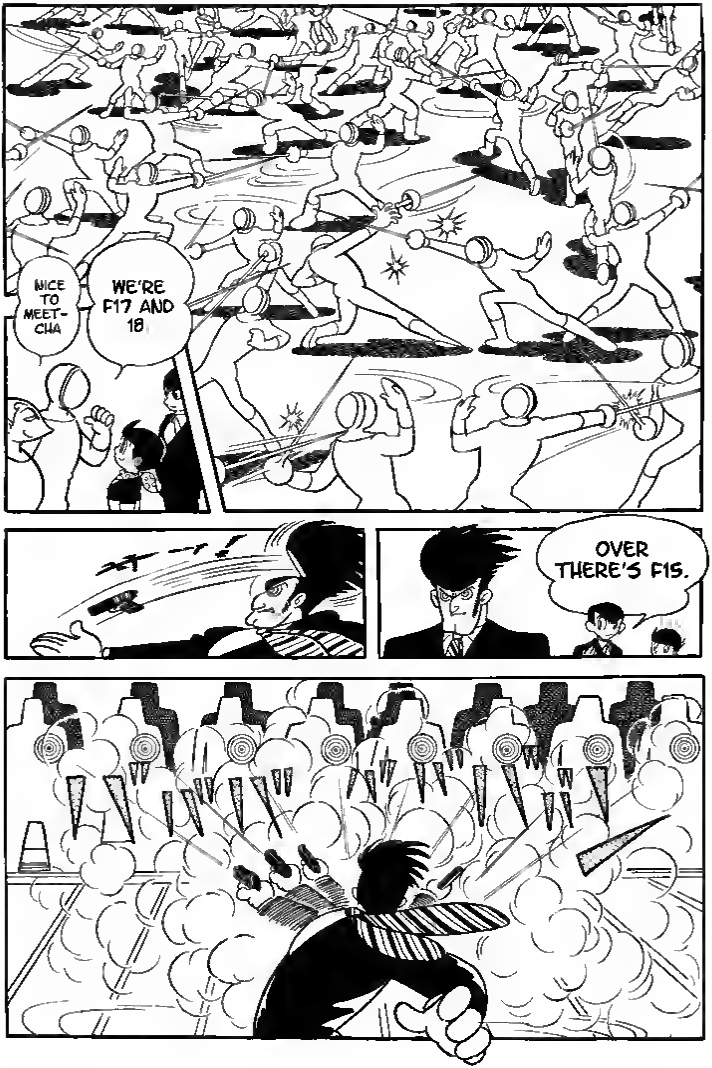
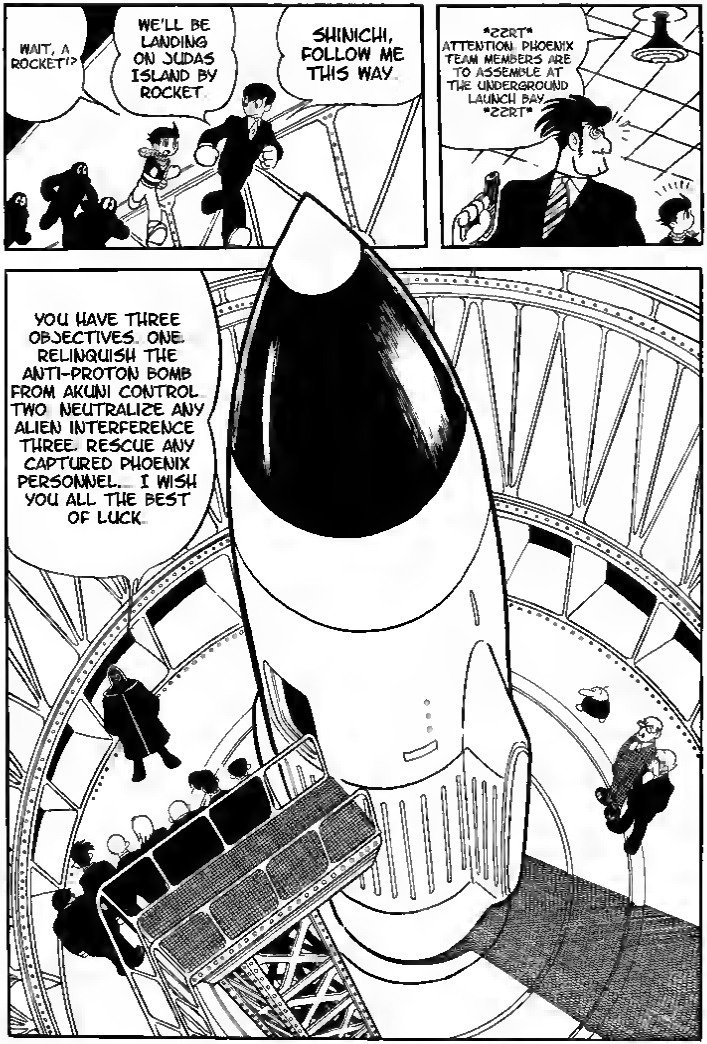
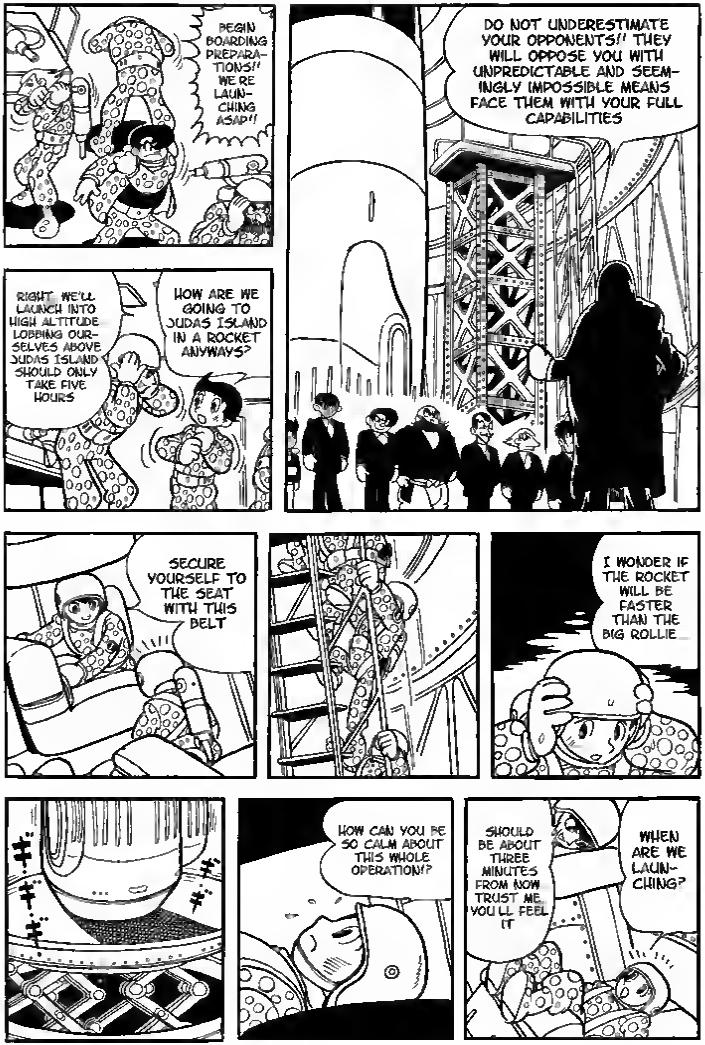
VERY WELL, ALTHOUGH JUDAS ISLAND IS AN EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS ENVIRONMENT FOR A YOUNG CHILD, AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE WONDER 3 MEMBERS IS HIGHLY LIKELY YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM COULD PROVE VITAL
I'VE GOTTA SAVE KOUICHI! OF COURSE I'M COMING ALONG!
SHINICHI, WHAT WILL YOU DO?
INDEED, ALLOW ME TO INSTRUCT YOU ON IT'S FUNCTIONS
AH, THAT'S THE SAME WATCH KOUICHI OWNS
FOR YOUR SAFETY, PLEASE TAKE THIS
POINT YOUR ARM AT THE DESIRED TARGET, AND
HOWEVER, WITH THE RIGHT KNOWLEDGE YOU CAN TURN THE TABLES ON YOUR ENEMIES
TO THE UNTRAINED EYE, THIS IS SIMPLY A FASHIONABLE WRISTWATCH

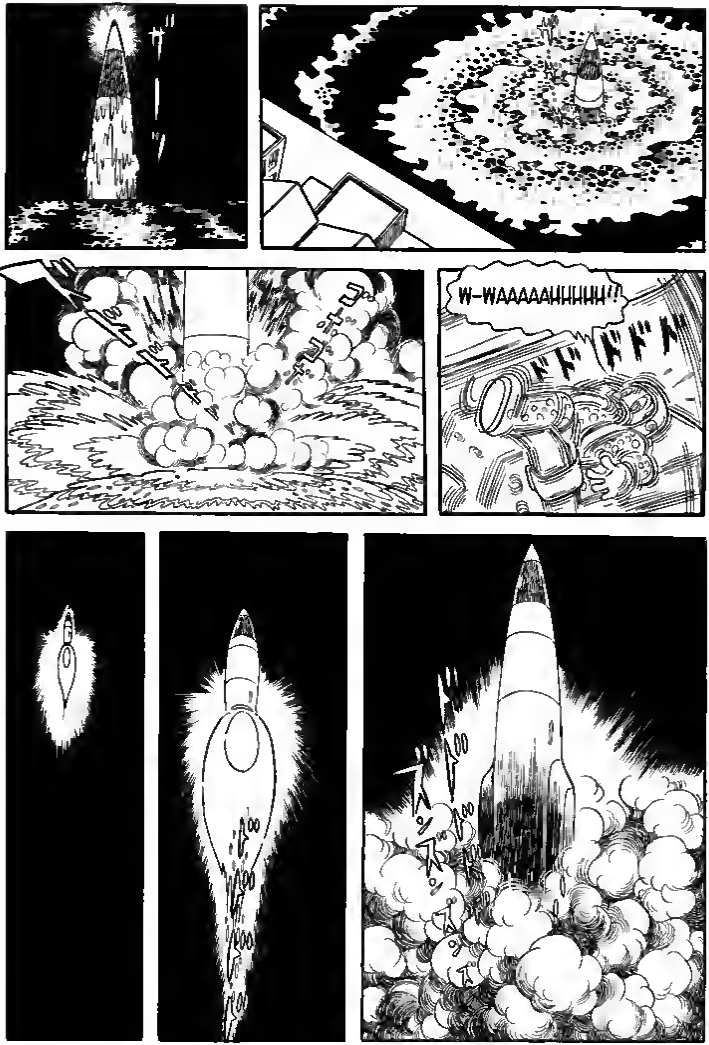

T-TURN IT OFF, M!
A BLINDING FLASH OF LIGHT!
PRESS TO ACTIVATE A HIDDEN FUNCTION
WHOA!
WOW, MY EYES ARE KILLING ME
ADDITIONALLY, THE MAIN FUNCTION...

ALSO, AN ANTENNAE CAN BE DEPLOYED, ALLOWING WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS.
LAUNCHES A HAMMER CHAIN STRONG ENOUGH TO BREAK THROUGH SOLID CONCRETE.
RIGHT THIS WAY, SHINICHI.
COME IN, F8 INTRODUCE SHINICHI TO THE REST OF THE TEAM.
YES SIR.
EVERY MEMBER OF PHOENIX CARRIES THIS AS STANDARD EQUIPMENT
HERE, THIS BELONGS TO YOU NOW.
F11 AT YOUR SERVICE
I'M F13.


NICE TO MEET-CHA
WE'RE #17 AND 18
OVER THERE'S #15.


WAIT, A ROCKET!?
WE'LL BE LANDING ON JUDAS ISLAND BY ROCKET.
SHINICHI, FOLLOW ME THIS WAY.
ZZRT ATTENTION PHOENIX TEAM MEMBERS ARE TO ASSEMBLE AT THE UNDERGROUND LAUNCH BAY. *ZZRT*
YOU HAVE THREE OBJECTIVES. ONE. RELINQUISH THE ANTI-PROTON BOMB FROM AKUNI CONTROL. TWO. NEUTRALIZE ANY ALIEN INTERFERENCE. THREE. RESCUE ANY CAPTURED PHOENIX PERSONNEL... I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST OF LUCK.


BEGIN BOARDING PREPARATIONS!! WE'RE LAUNCHING ASAP!!
DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE YOUR OPPONENTS!! THEY WILL OPPOSE YOU WITH UNPREDICTABLE AND SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE MEANS FACE THEM WITH YOUR FULL CAPABILITIES
RIGHT. WE'LL LAUNCH INTO HIGH ALTITUDE LOBBING OURSELVES ABOVE JUDAS ISLAND SHOULD ONLY TAKE FIVE HOURS
HOW ARE WE GOING TO JUDAS ISLAND IN A ROCKET ANYWAYS?
SECURE YOURSELF TO THE SEAT WITH THIS BELT
I WONDER IF THE ROCKET WILL BE FASTER THAN THE BIG ROLLIE
HOW CAN YOU BE SO CALM ABOUT THIS WHOLE OPERATION!?
SHOULD BE ABOUT THREE MINUTES FROM NOW TRUST ME. YOU'LL FEEL IT
WHEN ARE WE LAUNCHING?


W-WAAAAAHHHHH!!
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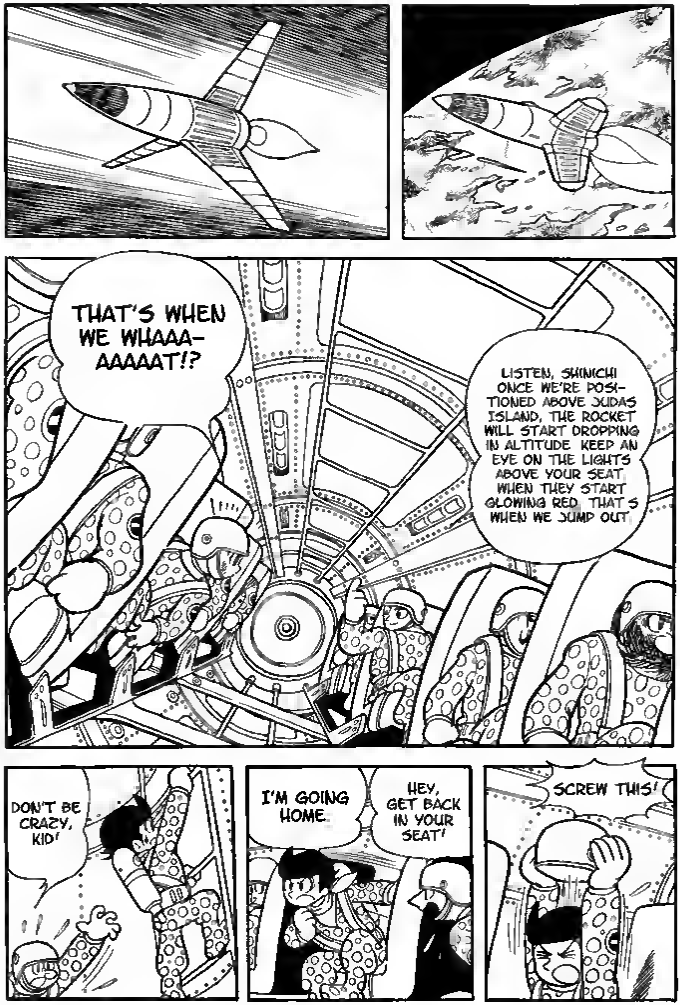
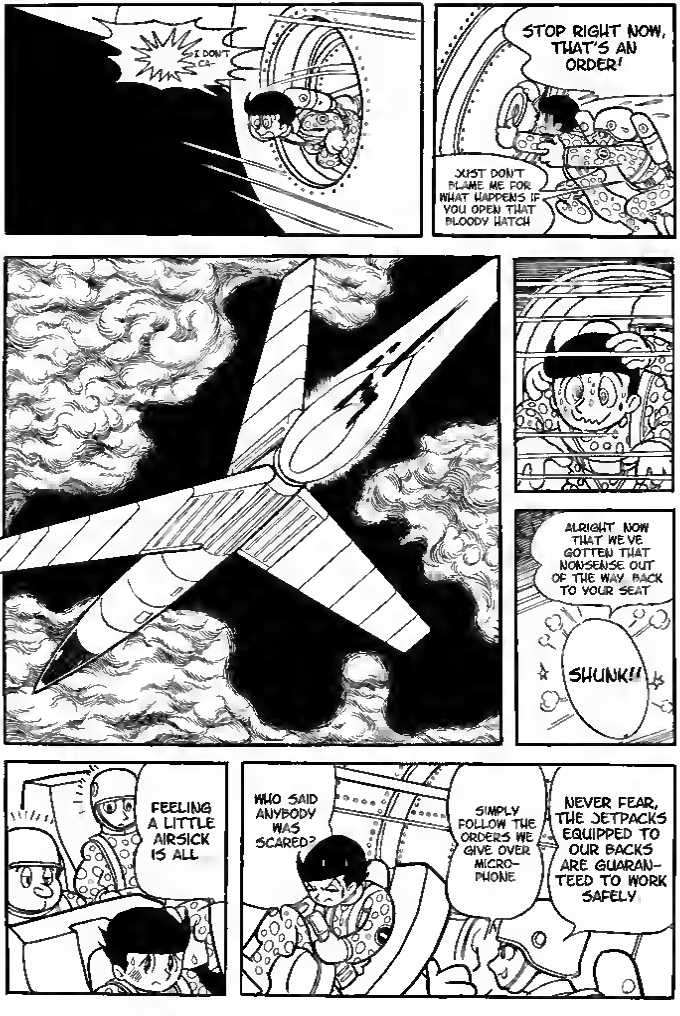
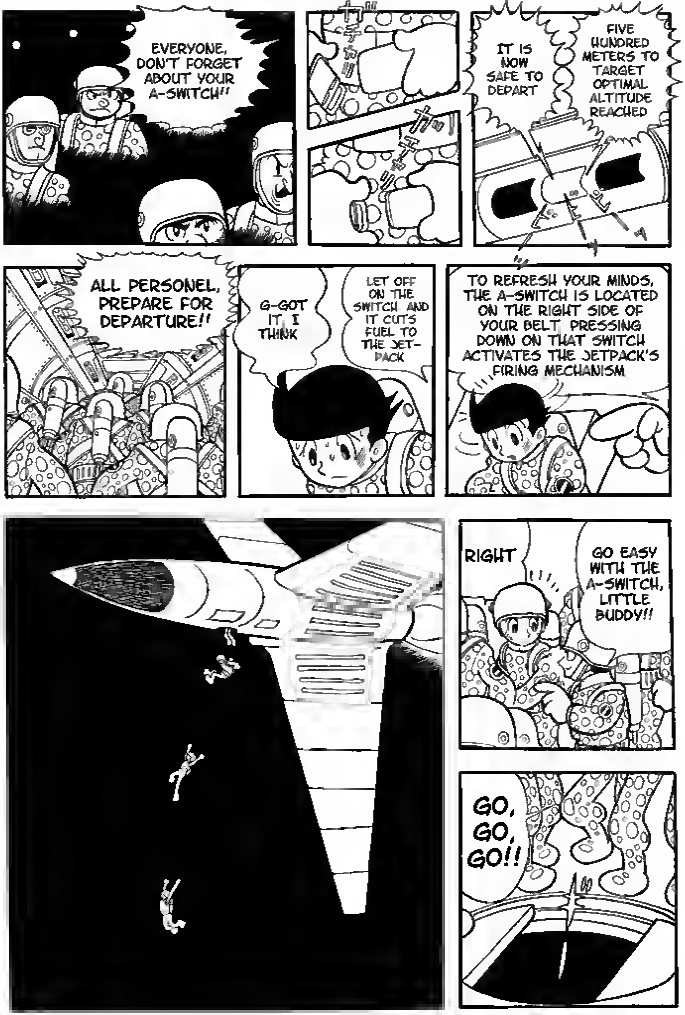
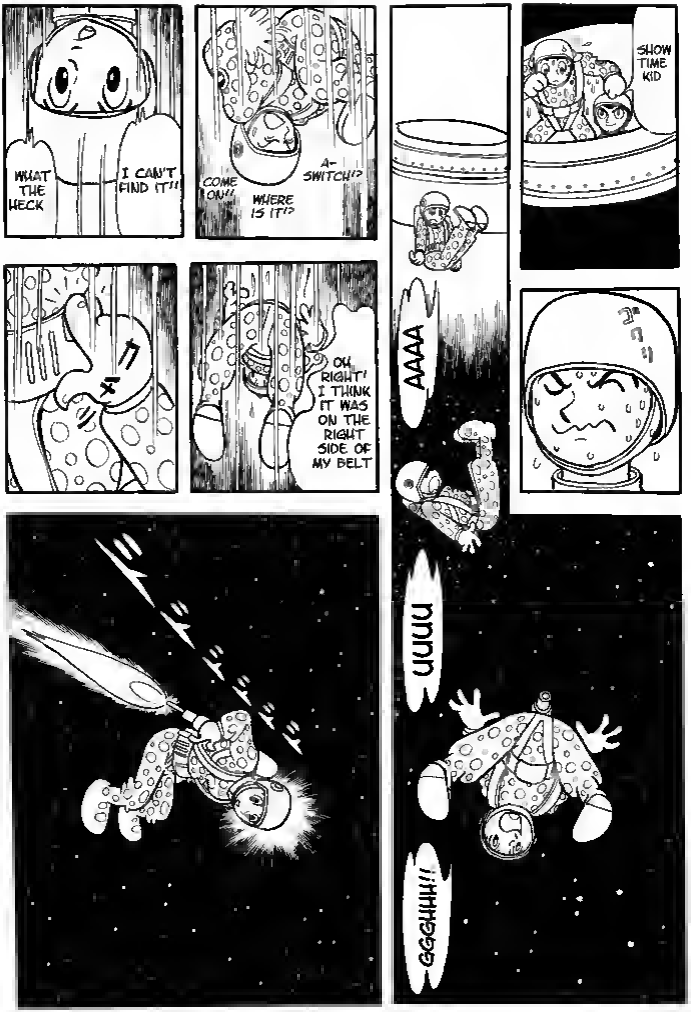
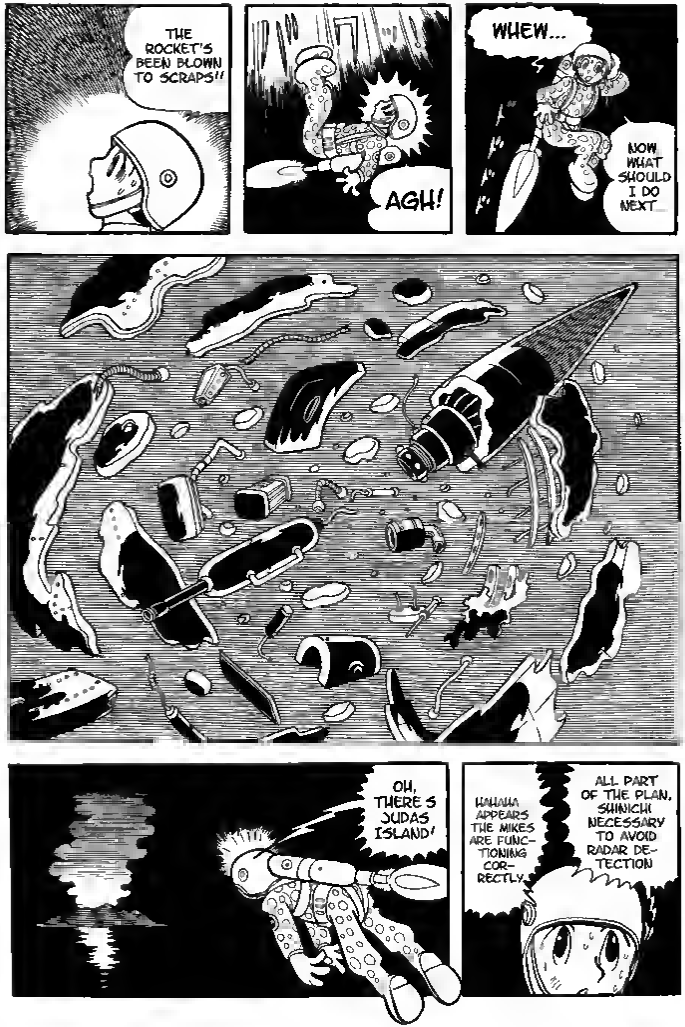
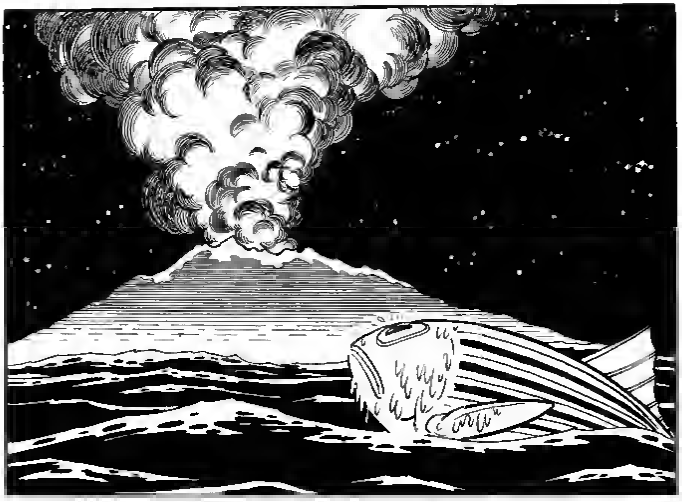

THAT'S WHEN WE WHAAA-AAAAAT!?
LISTEN, SHINICHI ONCE WE'RE POSITIONED ABOVE JUDAS ISLAND, THE ROCKET WILL START DROPPING IN ALTITUDE. KEEP AN EYE ON THE LIGHTS ABOVE YOUR SEAT. WHEN THEY START GLOWING RED, THAT'S WHEN WE JUMP OUT!
DON'T BE CRAZY, KID!
I'M GOING HOME.
HEY, GET BACK IN YOUR SEAT!
SCREW THIS!

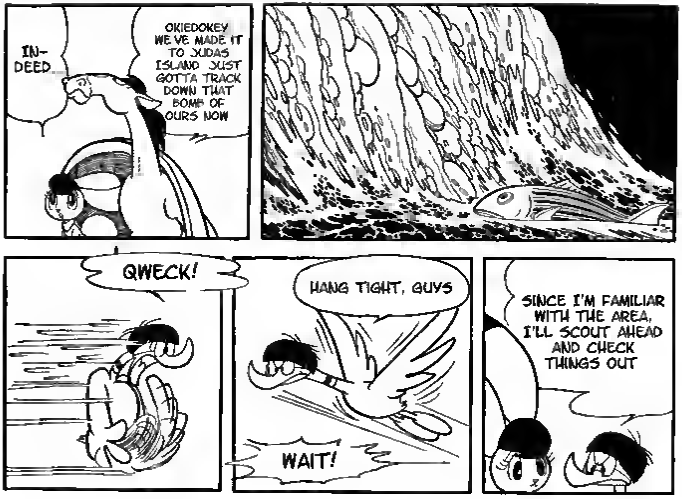

I DON'T CA-
STOP RIGHT NOW, THAT'S AN ORDER!
JUST DON'T BLAME ME FOR WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU OPEN THAT BLOODY HATCH
ALRIGHT NOW THAT WE'VE GOTTEN THAT NONSENSE OUT OF THE WAY BACK TO YOUR SEAT
SHUNK!!
FEELING A LITTLE AIRSICK IS ALL
WHO SAID ANYBODY WAS SCARED?
SIMPLY FOLLOW THE ORDERS WE GIVE OVER MICRO-PHONE
NEVER FEAR, THE JETPACKS EQUIPPED TO OUR BACKS ARE GUARAN-TEED TO WORK SAFELY

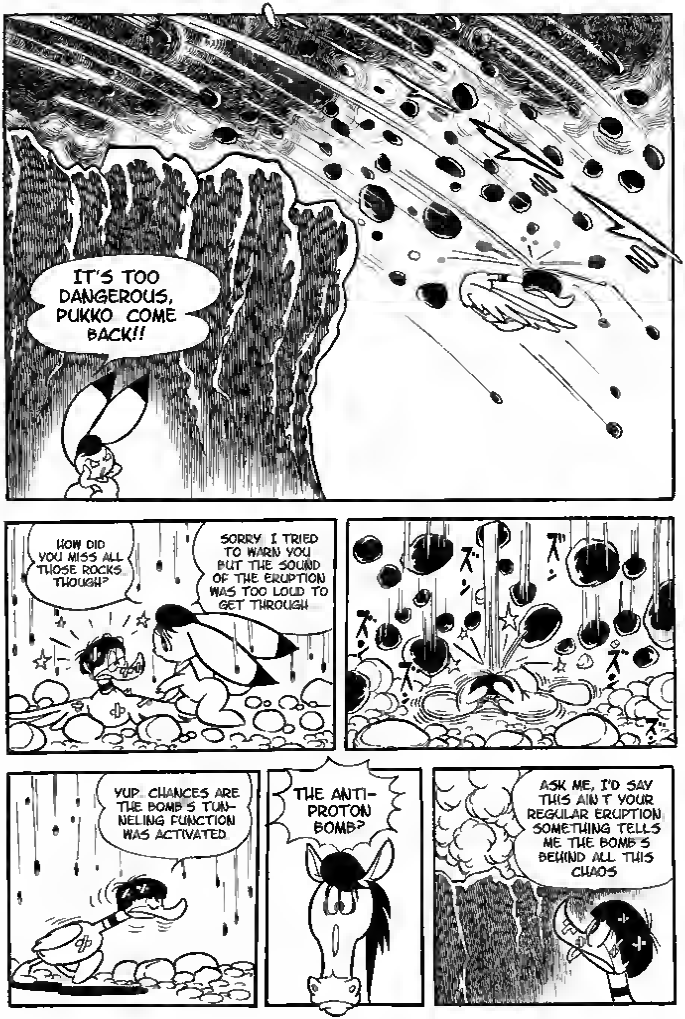

EVERYONE, DON'T FORGET ABOUT YOUR A-SWITCH!!
FIVE HUNDRED METERS TO TARGET OPTIMAL ALTITUDE REACHED
IT IS NOW SAFE TO DEPART
ALL PERSONEL, PREPARE FOR DEPARTURE!!
G-GOT IT I THINK
LET OFF ON THE SWITCH AND IT CUTS FUEL TO THE JET-PACK
TO REFRESH YOUR MINDS, THE A-SWITCH IS LOCATED ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF YOUR BELT. PRESSING DOWN ON THAT SWITCH ACTIVATES THE JETPACK'S FIRING MECHANISM
RIGHT
GO EASY WITH THE A-SWITCH, LITTLE BUDDY!!
GO, GO, GO!!

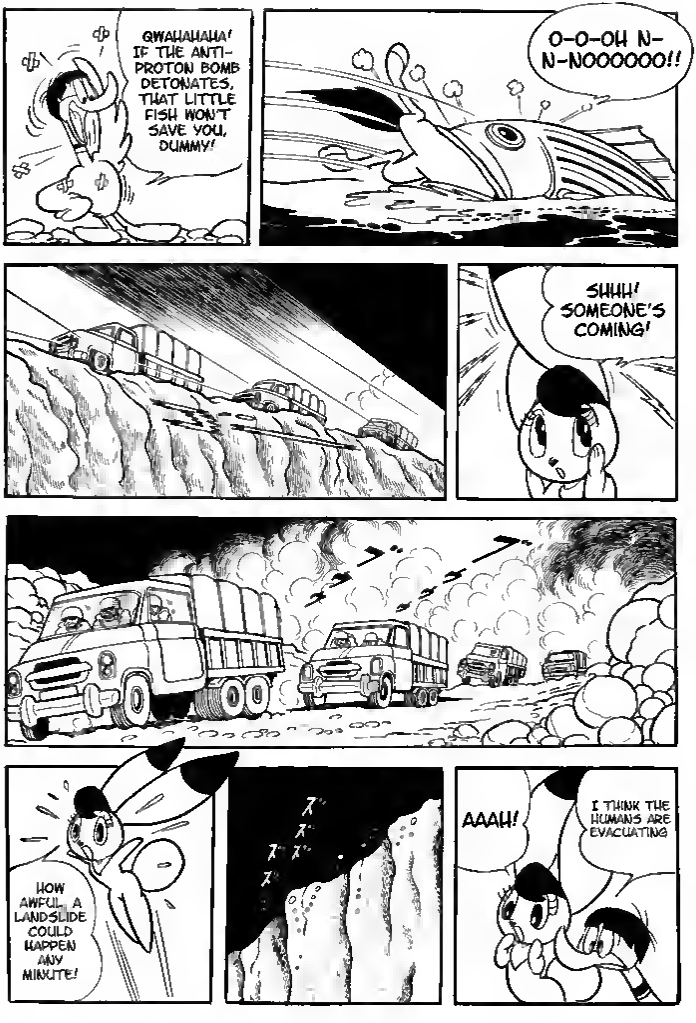

WHAT THE HECK
I CAN'T FIND IT!!
COME ON!!
WHERE IS IT!?
A-SWITCH!?
OH, RIGHT! I THINK IT WAS ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF MY BELT
SHOW TIME KID
AAAA
UUUU
EEEHHH!!

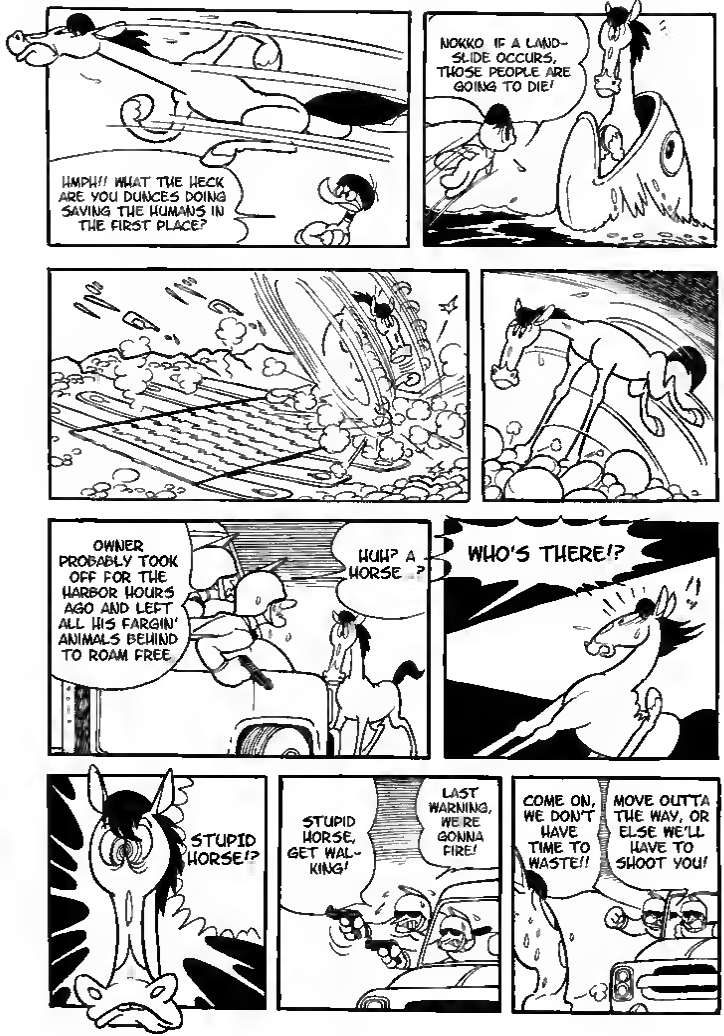

THE ROCKET'S BEEN BLOWN TO SCRAPS!!
AGH!
WHEW...
NOW, WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT...
OH, THERE'S JUDAS ISLAND!
HAHAHA APPEARS THE MIKES ARE FUNCTIONING CORRECTLY.
ALL PART OF THE PLAN, SHINICHI NECESSARY TO AVOID RADAR DETECTION

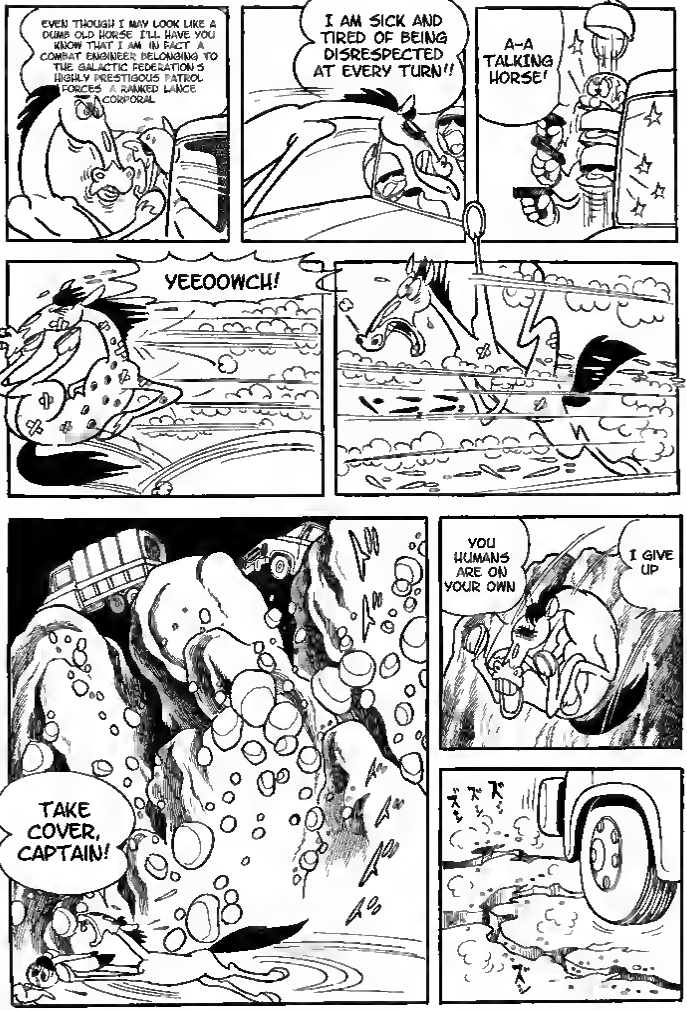


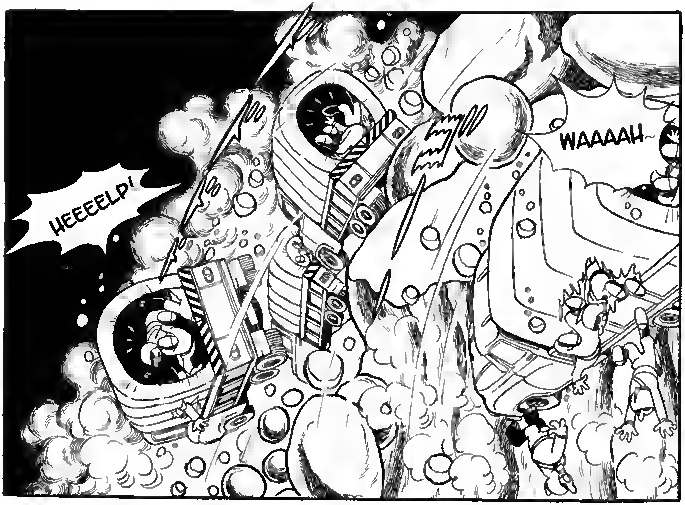

IN-DEED.
OKIEDOKEY WE'VE MADE IT TO JUDAS ISLAND. JUST GOTTA TRACK DOWN THAT BOMB OF OURS NOW
QWECK!
HANG TIGHT, GUYS
WAIT!
SINCE I'M FAMILIAR WITH THE AREA, I'LL SCOUT AHEAD AND CHECK THINGS OUT

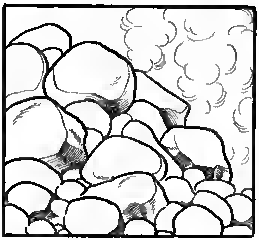

IT'S TOO DANGEROUS, PUKKO COME BACK!!
HOW DID YOU MISS ALL THOSE ROCKS THOUGH?
SORRY I TRIED TO WARN YOU BUT THE SOUND OF THE ERUPTION WAS TOO LOUD TO GET THROUGH
YUP. CHANCES ARE THE BOMB'S TUNNELING FUNCTION WAS ACTIVATED
THE ANTI-PROTON BOMB?
ASK ME, I'D SAY THIS AIN'T YOUR REGULAR ERUPTION SOMETHING TELLS ME THE BOMB'S BEHIND ALL THIS CHAOS

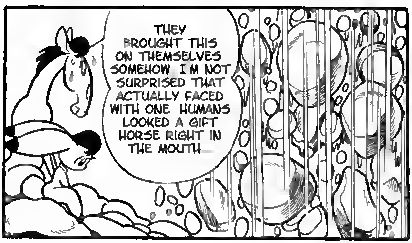

GWAHAHAHA! IF THE ANTI-PROTON BOMB DETONATES, THAT LITTLE FISH WON'T SAVE YOU, DUMMY!
O-O-OH N-N-NOOOOOO!!
SHHH! SOMEONE'S COMING!
HOW AWFUL. A LANDSLIDE COULD HAPPEN ANY MINUTE!
AAAH!
I THINK THE HUMANS ARE EVACUATING

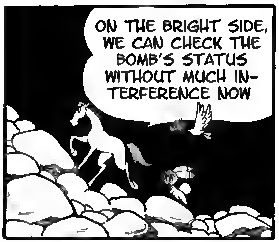

HMPH!! WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DUNCES DOING SAVING THE HUMANS IN THE FIRST PLACE?
NOKKO IF A LAND-SLIDE OCCURS, THOSE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO DIE!
OWNER PROBABLY TOOK OFF FOR THE HARBOR HOURS AGO AND LEFT ALL HIS FARGIN' ANIMALS BEHIND TO ROAM FREE.
HUH? A HORSE...?
WHO'S THERE!?
STUPID HORSE!?
STUPID HORSE, GET WALKING!
LAST WARNING, WE'RE GONNA FIRE!
COME ON, WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE!!
MOVE OUTTA THE WAY, OR ELSE WE'LL HAVE TO SHOOT YOU!

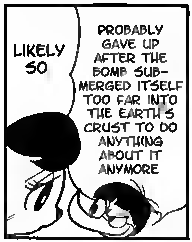

EVEN THOUGH I MAY LOOK LIKE A DUMB OLD HORSE I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW THAT I AM IN FACT A COMBAT ENGINEER BELONGING TO THE GALACTIC FEDERATION'S HIGHLY PRESTIGIOUS PATROL FORCES. A RANKED LANCE CORPORAL
I AM SICK AND TIRED OF BEING DISRESPECTED AT EVERY TURN!!
A-A TALKING HORSE!
YEEOOWCH!
TAKE COVER, CAPTAIN!
YOU HUMANS ARE ON YOUR OWN
I GIVE UP

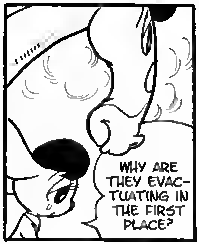

HEEEELP!
WAAAAH




THEY BROUGHT THIS ON THEMSELVES SOMEHOW I'M NOT SURPRISED THAT ACTUALLY FACED WITH ONE HUMANS LOOKED A GIFT HORSE RIGHT IN THE MOUTH


ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, WE CAN CHECK THE BOMB'S STATUS WITHOUT MUCH INTERFERENCE NOW


LIKELY SO
PROBABLY GAVE UP AFTER THE BOMB SUBMERGED ITSELF TOO FAR INTO THE EARTH'S CRUST TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT ANYMORE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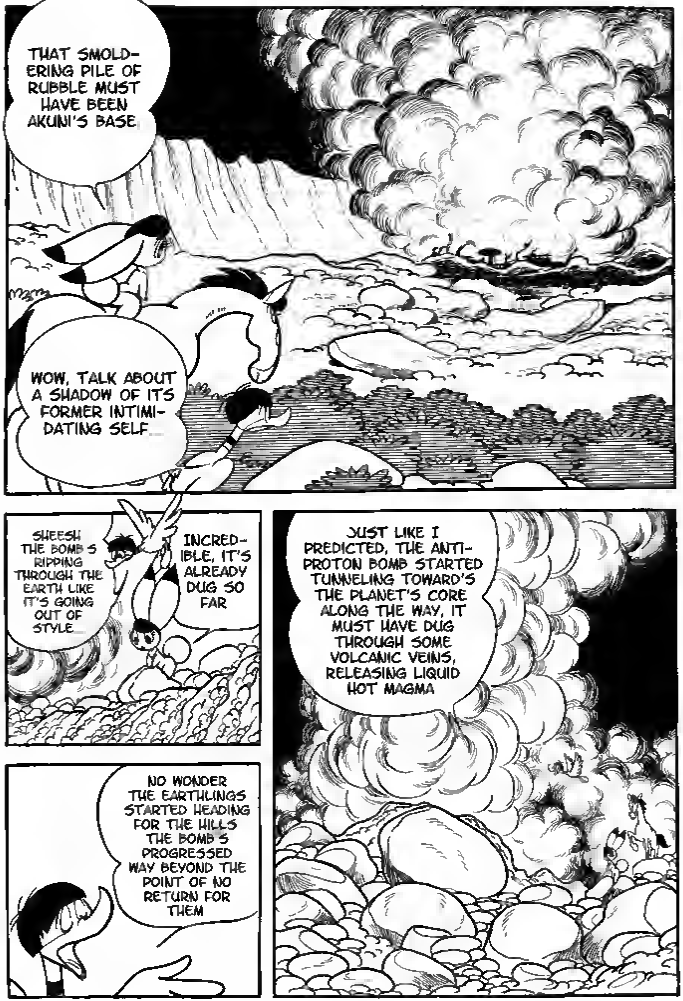
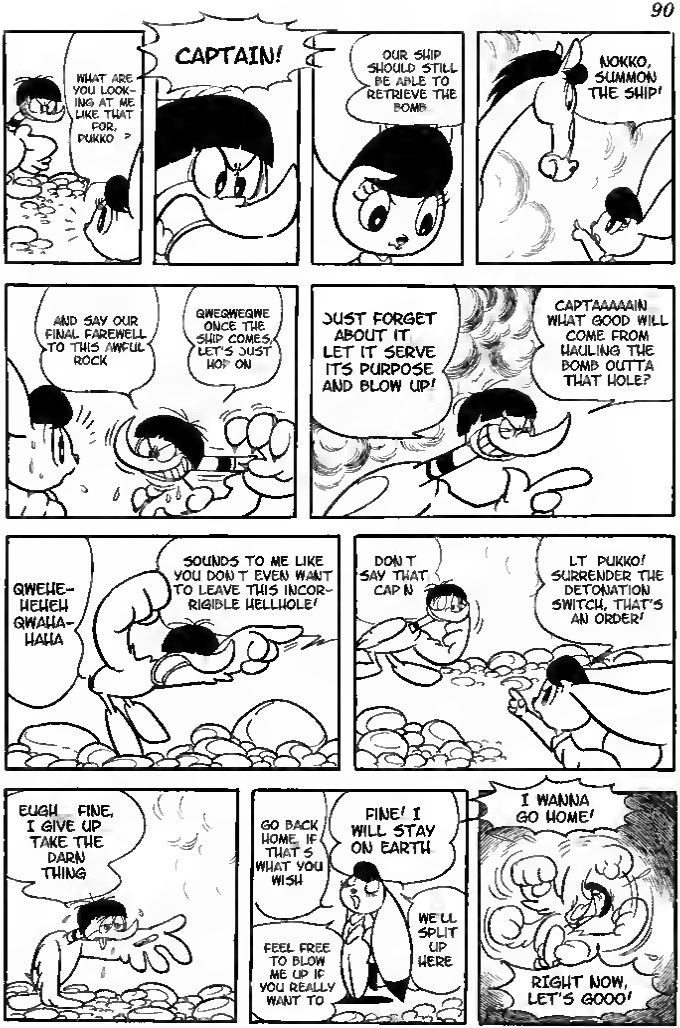
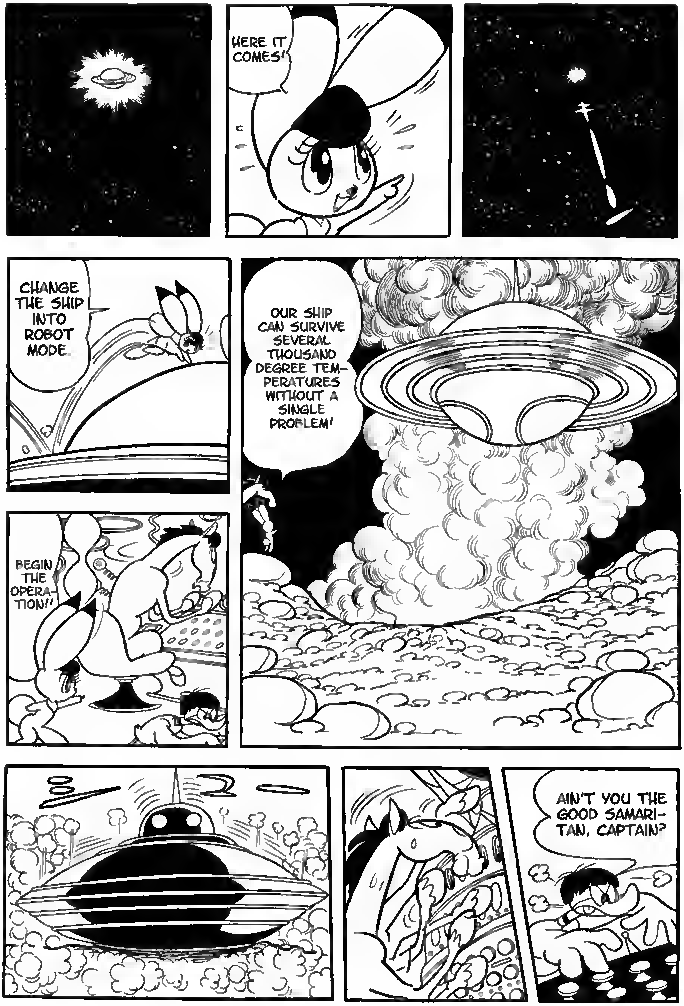
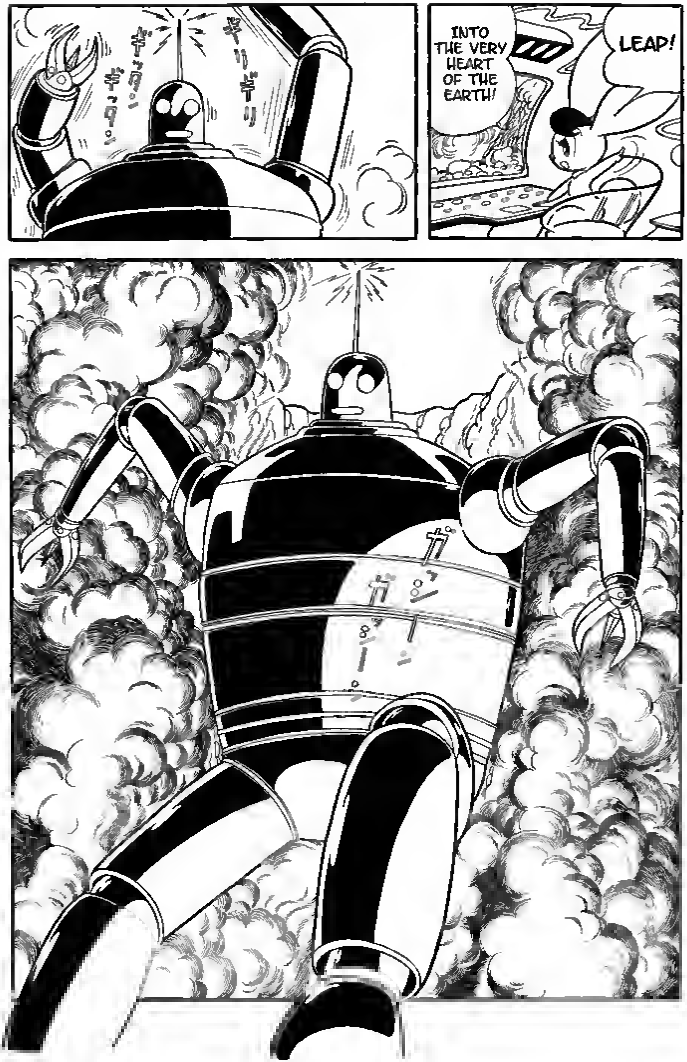
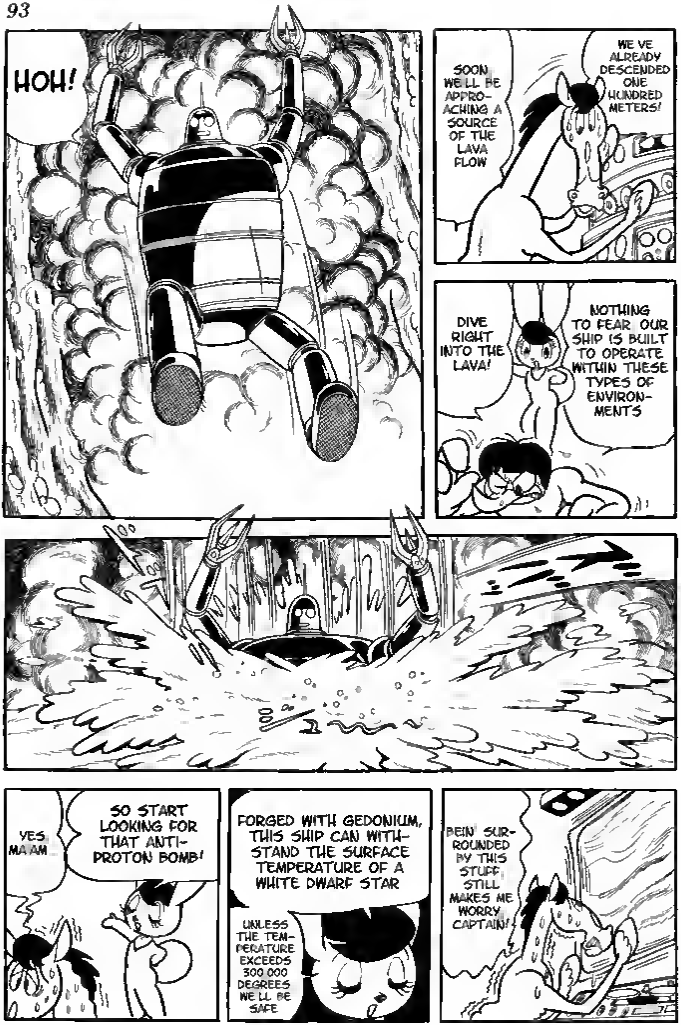
WHY ARE THEY EVACTUATING IN THE FIRST PLACE?


THAT SMOLDERING PILE OF RUBBLE MUST HAVE BEEN AKUMI'S BASE
WOW, TALK ABOUT A SHADOW OF IT'S FORMER INTIMIDATING SELF
SHEESH THE BOMB'S RIPPING THROUGH THE EARTH LIKE IT'S GOING OUT OF STYLE
INCREDIBLE, IT'S ALREADY DUG SO FAR
JUST LIKE I PREDICTED, THE ANTI-PROTON BOMB STARTED TUNNELING TOWARD'S THE PLANET'S CORE ALONG THE WAY, IT MUST HAVE DUG THROUGH SOME VOLCANIC VEINS, RELEASING LIQUID HOT MAGMA
NO WONDER THE EARTHLINGS STARTED HEADING FOR THE HILLS THE BOMB'S PROGRESSED WAY BEYOND THE POINT OF NO RETURN FOR THEM

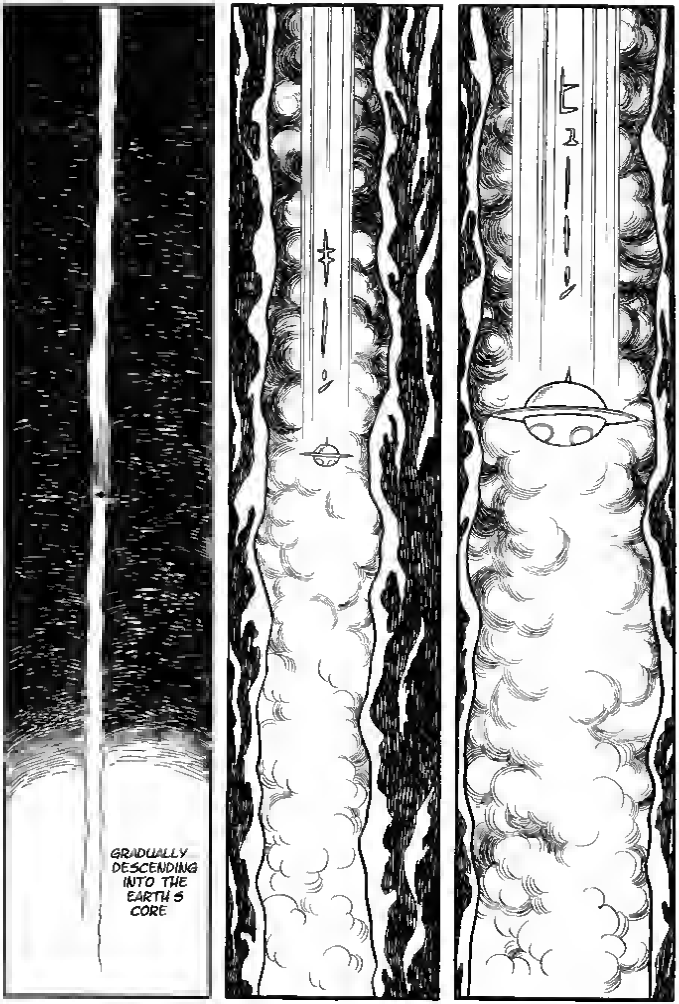

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT FOR, PUKKO ?
CAPTAIN!
OUR SHIP SHOULD STILL BE ABLE TO RETRIEVE THE BOMB
NOKKO, SUMMON THE SHIP!
AND SAY OUR FINAL FAREWELL TO THIS AWFUL ROCK
QWEQWEQWE ONCE THE SHIP COMES, LET'S JUST HOP ON
JUST FORGET ABOUT IT LET IT SERVE ITS PURPOSE AND BLOW UP!
CAPTAAAAAIN WHAT GOOD WILL COME FROM HAULING THE BOMB OUTTA THAT HOLE?
QWEHE-HEHEH GWAHA-HAHA
SOUNDS TO ME LIKE YOU DON'T EVEN WANT TO LEAVE THIS INCORRIGIBLE HELLHOLE!
DON'T SAY THAT CAPN
LT PUKKO! SURRENDER THE DETONATION SWITCH, THAT'S AN ORDER!
EUGH... FINE, I GIVE UP TAKE THE DARN THING
GO BACK HOME, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WISH
FEEL FREE TO BLOW ME UP IF YOU REALLY WANT TO
FINE! I WILL STAY ON EARTH
WE'LL SPLIT UP HERE
I WANNA GO HOME!
RIGHT NOW, LET'S GOOO!

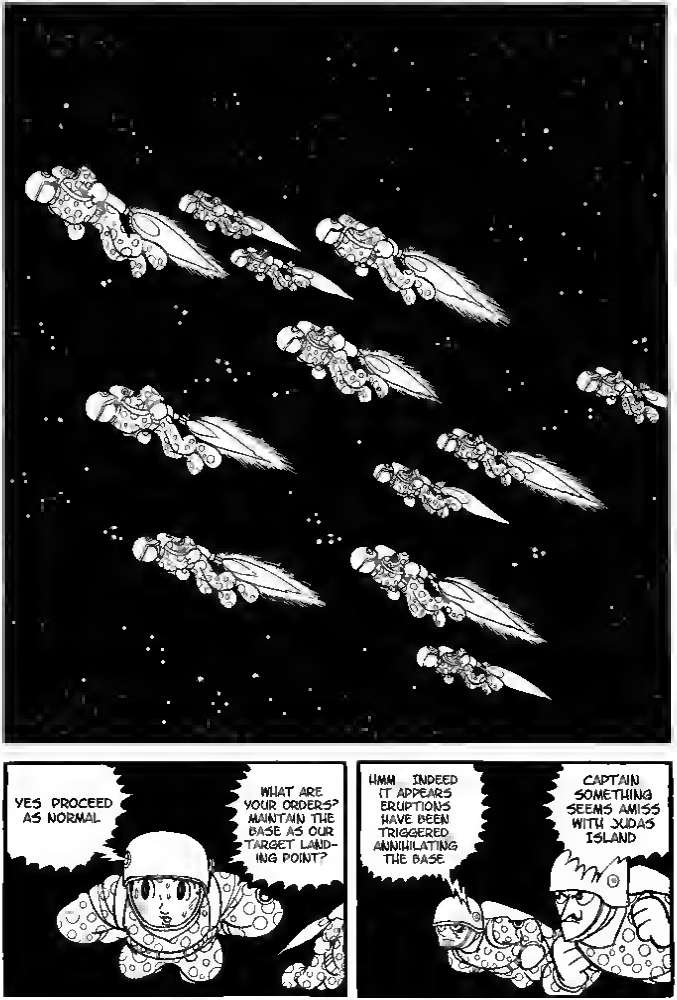

HERE IT COMES!
CHANGE THE SHIP INTO ROBOT MODE.
OUR SHIP CAN SURVIVE SEVERAL THOUSAND DEGREE TEMPERATURES WITHOUT A SINGLE PROBLEM!
BEGIN THE OPERATION!!
AIN'T YOU THE GOOD SAMARITAN, CAPTAIN?

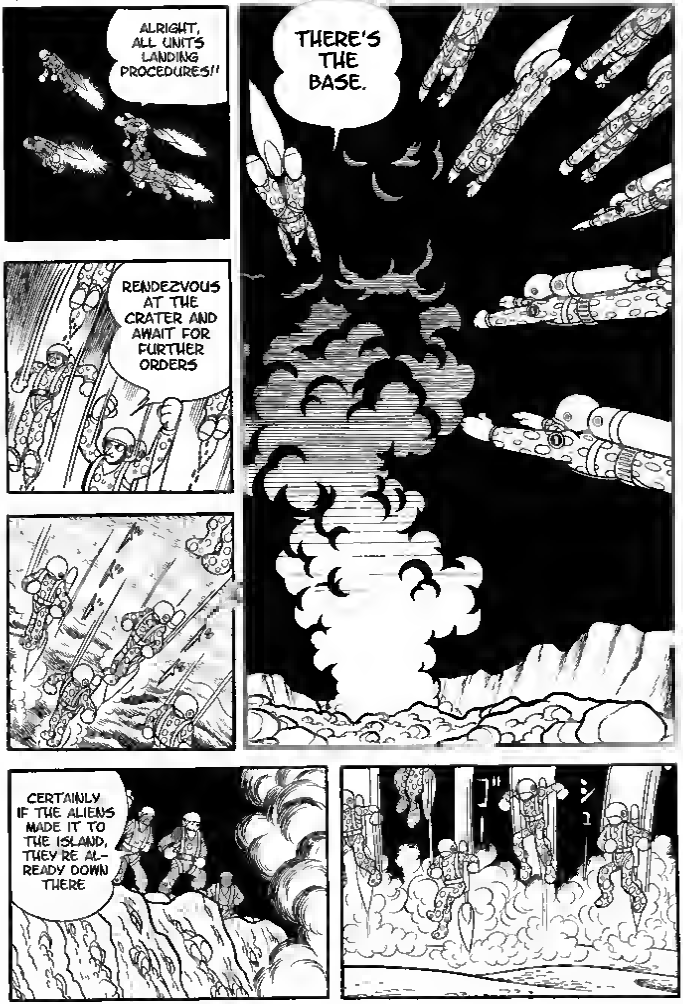

INTO THE VERY HEART OF THE EARTH!
LEAP!


HOH!
SOON WE'LL BE APPROACHING A SOURCE OF THE LAVA FLOW
WE'VE ALREADY DESCENDED ONE HUNDRED METERS!
DIVE RIGHT INTO THE LAVA!
NOTHING TO FEAR OUR SHIP IS BUILT TO OPERATE WITHIN THESE TYPES OF ENVIRONMENTS
YES, MA'AM
SO START LOOKING FOR THAT ANTI-PROTON BOMB!
FORGED WITH GEDONIUM, THIS SHIP CAN WITHSTAND THE SURFACE TEMPERATURE OF A WHITE DWARF STAR
UNLESS THE TEMPERATURE EXCEEDS 300,000 DEGREES WE'LL BE SAFE
BEIN' SURROUNDED BY THIS STUFF STILL MAKES ME WORRY, CAPTAIN!

WE'VE PASSED THROUGH THE LAVA VEIN, CAPTAIN
NO-THING
WHAT WAS THAT!?
WOMEN SURE ARE SCREWY IN THE HEAD
SAYS THE ONE GIVING OUT THE ORDERS
OH, THIS TIME WE'RE PLUM-METING TO OUR DEATHS
FROM THIS POINT, WE'LL ACCELER-ATE UTILIZING THE EARTH'S MAGNETIC FIELD
AFTER RETRIEVING THE BOMB, WE'LL REVERSE OUR MAGNETIC POLARITY TO ESCAPE BACK TO THE SURFACE.
NOT YOUR ARMS, PUKKO THE ROBOT'S!
RETRACT THE LIMBS!! PREPARE FOR DE-SCENT!!


GRADUALLY DESCENDING INTO THE EARTH'S CORE


YES PROCEED AS NORMAL
WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS? MAINTAIN THE BASE AS OUR TARGET LAND-ING POINT?
HMM INDEED IT APPEARS ERUPTIONS HAVE BEEN TRIGGERED ANNIHILATING THE BASE
CAPTAIN SOMETHING SEEMS AMISS WITH JUDAS ISLAND


ALRIGHT, ALL UNIT'S LANDING PROCEDURES!!
THERE'S THE BASE.
RENDEZVOUS AT THE CRATER AND AWAIT FOR FURTHER ORDERS
CERTAINLY IF THE ALIENS MADE IT TO THE ISLAND, THEY'RE ALREADY DOWN THERE
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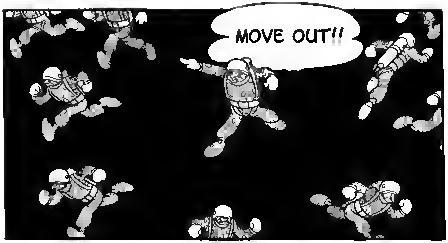
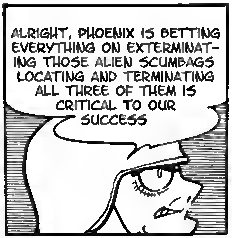
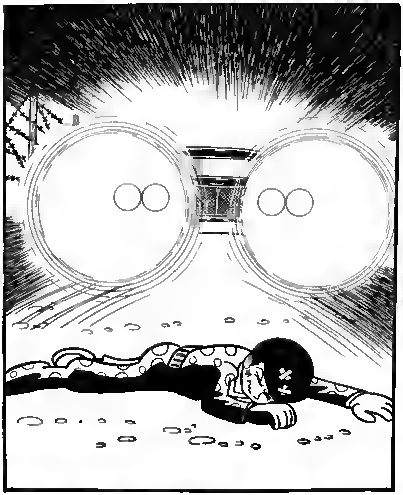
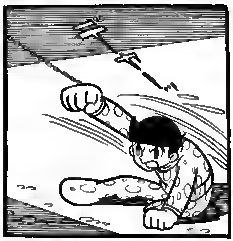

MOVE OUT!!

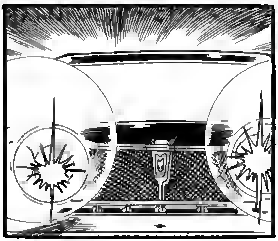

ALRIGHT, PHOENIX IS BETTING EVERYTHING ON EXTERMINATING THOSE ALIEN SCUMBAGS LOCATING AND TERMINATING ALL THREE OF THEM IS CRITICAL TO OUR SUCCESS



UUUGH, CRIPES, THAT LANDING SUCKED... OUCH...

NOBODY SAID ANYTHING ABOUT HOW TO PROPERLY DESCEND, SO A CRASH-LANDING WAS INEVITABLE, I GUESS... NNNGH...





WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE? GIVE ME YOUR NAME, RIGHT NOW!!
IDENTIFY YOURSELF, INTRUDER!!
COINCIDENTALLY, IS HOSHI KOUICHI YOUR OLDER BROTHER?
WAIT, HOSHI SHINICHI?
HOSHI SHINICHI.
NICE TRY, JERK!
IN THAT CASE HOW WOULD YOU REACT IF I OFFERED TO GUIDE YOU TO THE LOCATION OF YOUR PRECIOUS BROTHER?
YEAH! HOW COME YOU KNOW MY BROTHER'S NAME? THAT ALONE MEANS YOU'RE MY ENEMY!!

COME AND GET ME IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT. JUST KEEP IN MIND THAT I'VE GOT SPECIAL COMBAT EQUIPMENT FROM PHOENIX!
QUITE RUDE FOR A CHILD AREN'T YOU!?
I KNOW FOR A FACT YOU'VE GOT MY BROTHER LOCKED UP SOMEWHERE DON'T NEED YOUR HELP TRACKING HIM DOWN EITHER, LOSER!
AW, SHUCKS!
WHOA!

WAHAHAHA! CHILDREN SHOULDN'T PLAY WITH TOYS LIKE THAT AT YOUR AGE THEY MIGHT GET HURT!
RRAAAAAGH!
GOTCHA!
YYYEEOWWWWCH!
TAKE THIS! CHOMP CHOMP CHOMP

WAAAAGH! QUIT FIGHTING DIRTY YOU LITTLE BRAT!
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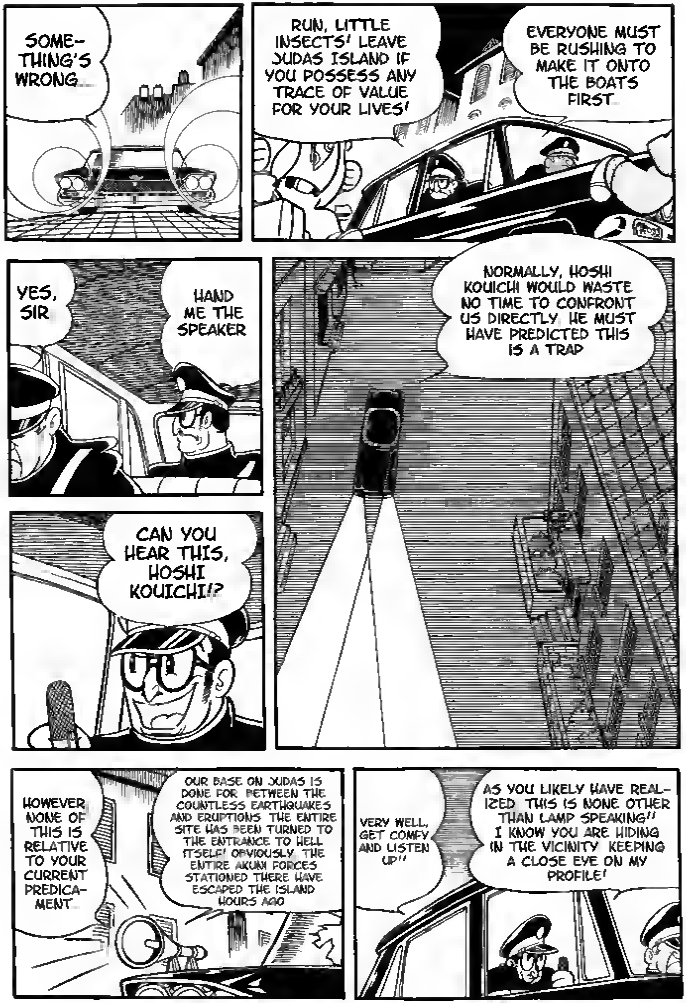
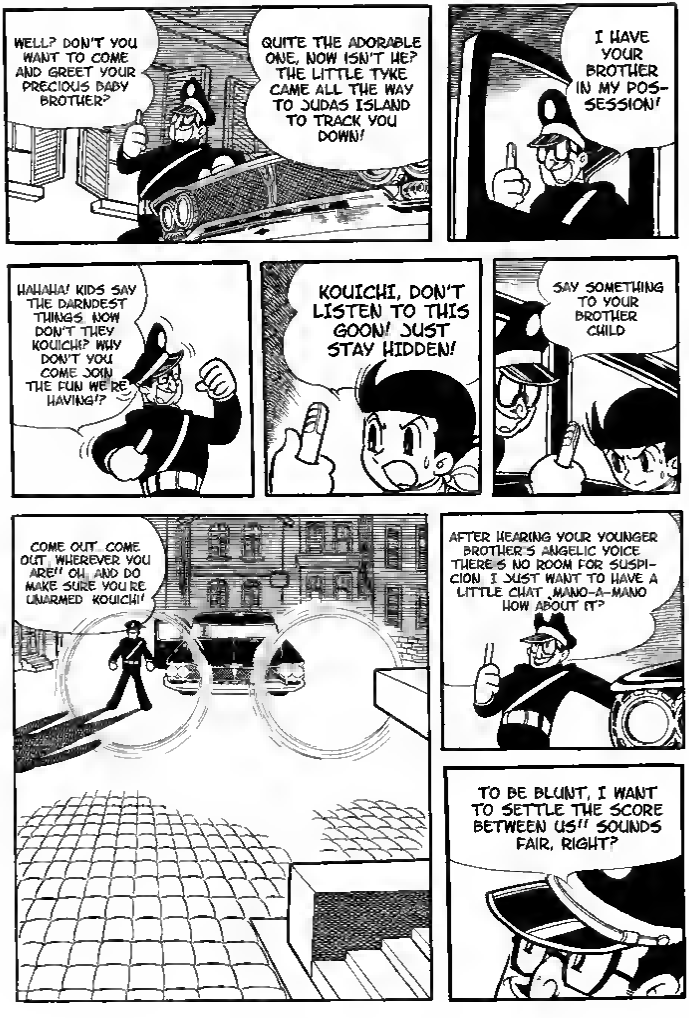
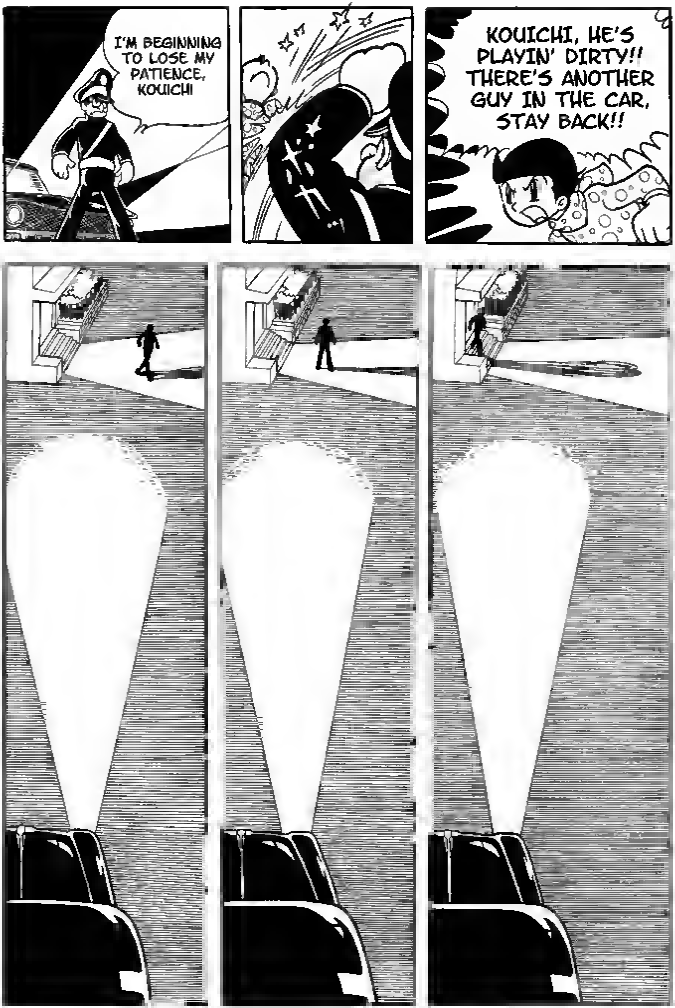
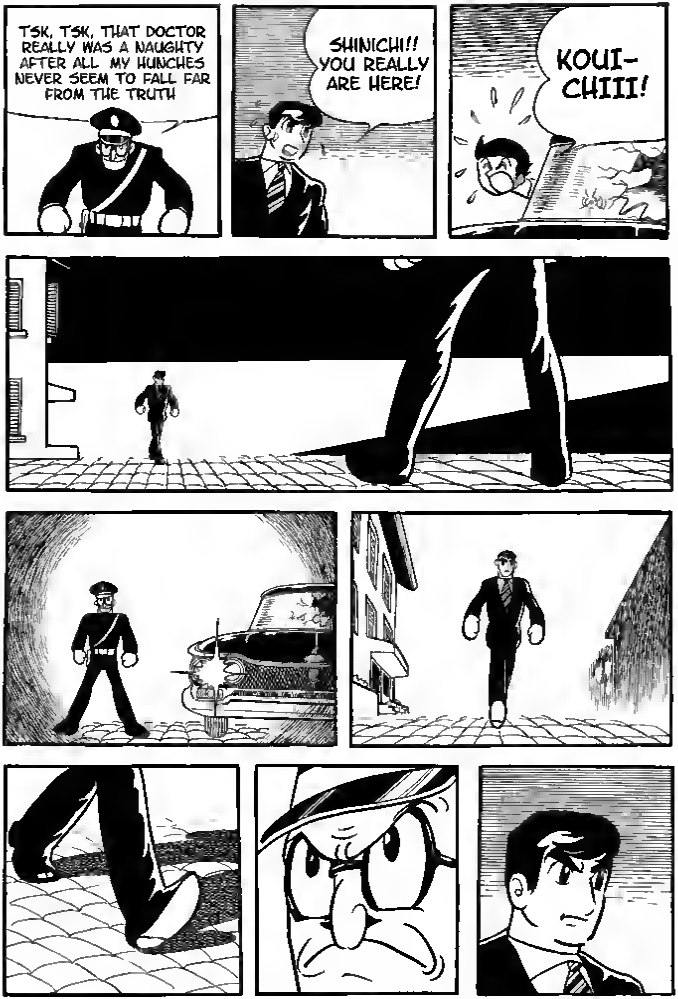
HARRUMPH WHAT A TROUBLE-SOME CHILD

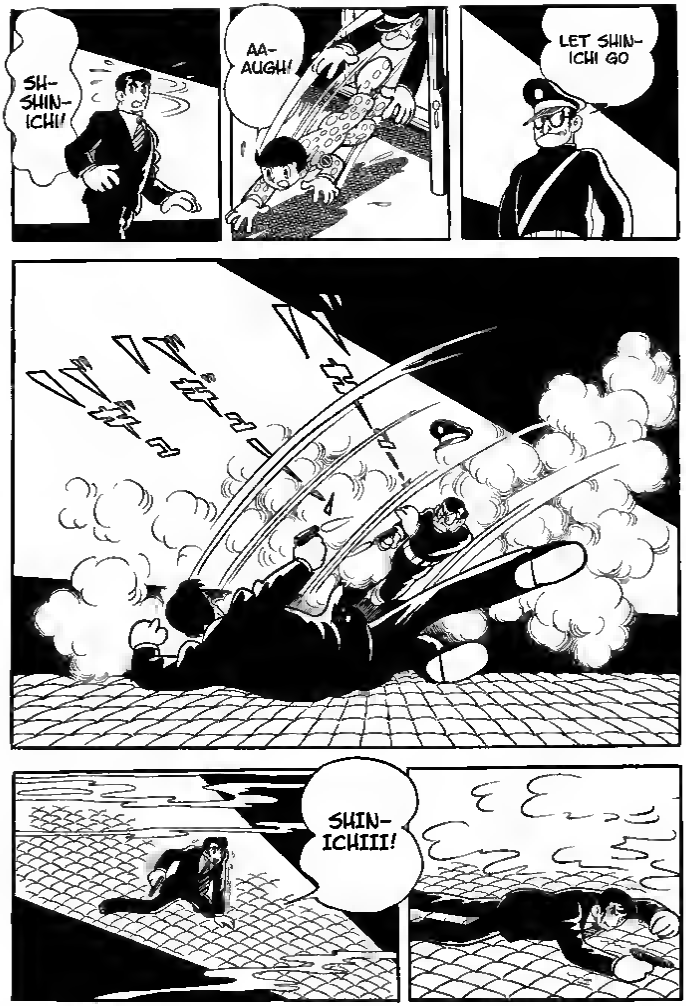
HOLDING ONTO HIM AS A POWERFUL TRUMP CARD WILL ULTIMATELY DECIDE THE OUTCOME OF OUR NEXT ENCOUNTER WITH KOUICHI.
ESSENTIALLY ALL PERSONNEL HAVE EVACUATED THE PREMISES. HOWEVER HE STILL HAS HIS USES AS A NEGOTIATION TOOL.
NO.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THE BOY, SIR? TAKE HIM TO BACK TO HEADQUARTERS?
YES, SIR.
KOUICHI'S IN FOR THE GREATEST SHOCK OF HIS LIFE.
DRIVE TO THE PORT TOWN
PLACE HIM IN THE BACK SEAT
THE PORT TOWN'S INHABITANTS APPEAR TO HAVE LOST THEIR MINDS

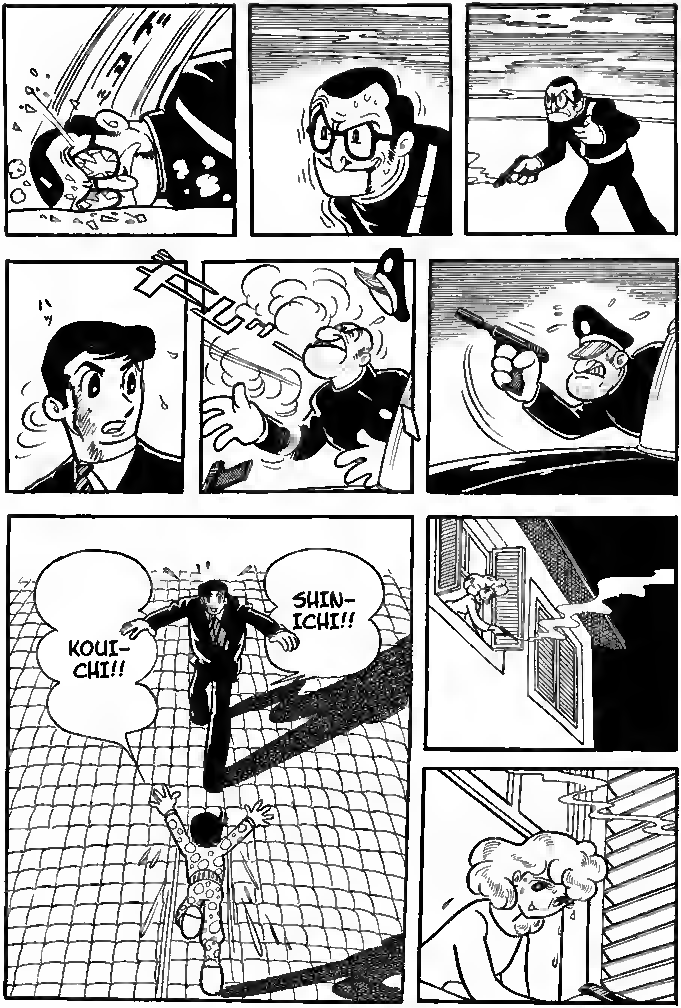

SOME-THING'S WRONG...
RUN, LITTLE INSECTS! LEAVE JUDAS ISLAND IF YOU POSSESS ANY TRACE OF VALUE FOR YOUR LIVES!
EVERYONE MUST BE RUSHING TO MAKE IT ONTO THE BOATS FIRST...
YES, SIR
HAND ME THE SPEAKER
NORMALLY, HOSHI KOUICHI WOULD WASTE NO TIME TO CONFRONT US DIRECTLY. HE MUST HAVE PREDICTED THIS IS A TRAP
CAN YOU HEAR THIS, HOSHI KOUICHI!?
HOWEVER NONE OF THIS IS RELATIVE TO YOUR CURRENT PREDICA-MENT...
OUR BASE ON JUDAS IS DONE FOR. BETWEEN THE COUNTLESS EARTHQUAKES AND ERUPTIONS THE ENTIRE SITE HAS BEEN TURNED TO THE ENTRANCE TO HELL ITSELF! OBVIOUSLY THE ENTIRE AKUMA FORCES STATIONED THERE HAVE ESCAPED THE ISLAND HOURS AGO
VERY WELL, GET COMFY AND LISTEN UP!!
AS YOU LIKELY HAVE REAL-IZED THIS IS NONE OTHER THAN LAMP SPEAKING!! I KNOW YOU ARE HIDING IN THE VICINITY KEEPING A CLOSE EYE ON MY PROFILE!


WELL? DON'T YOU WANT TO COME AND GREET YOUR PRECIOUS BABY BROTHER?
QUITE THE ADORABLE ONE, NOW ISN'T HE? THE LITTLE TYKE CAME ALL THE WAY TO JUDAS ISLAND TO TRACK YOU DOWN!
I HAVE YOUR BROTHER IN MY POS-SESSION!
HAHAHA! KIDS SAY THE DARNDEST THINGS NOW DON'T THEY KOUICHI? WHY DON'T YOU COME JOIN THE FUN WE'RE HAVING!?
KOUICHI, DON'T LISTEN TO THIS GOON! JUST STAY HIDDEN!
SAY SOMETHING TO YOUR BROTHER CHILD
COME OUT COME OUT WHEREVER YOU ARE!! OH, AND DO MAKE SURE YOU'RE UNARMED KOUICHI!
AFTER HEARING YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER'S ANGELIC VOICE THERE'S NO ROOM FOR SUSPI-CION I JUST WANT TO HAVE A LITTLE CHAT ,MANO-A-MANO HOW ABOUT IT?
TO BE BLUNT, I WANT TO SETTLE THE SCORE BETWEEN US!! SOUNDS FAIR, RIGHT?


I'M BEGINNING TO LOSE MY PATIENCE, KOUICHI
KOUICHI, HE'S PLAYIN' DIRTY!! THERE'S ANOTHER GUY IN THE CAR, STAY BACK!!


TSK, TSK, THAT DOCTOR REALLY WAS A NAUGHTY AFTER ALL MY HUNCHES NEVER SEEM TO FALL FAR FROM THE TRUTH
SHINICHI!! YOU REALLY ARE HERE!
KOUI-CHIII!


SH-SHIN-ICHI!
AA-AUGH!
LET SHIN-ICHI GO
SHIN-ICHIII!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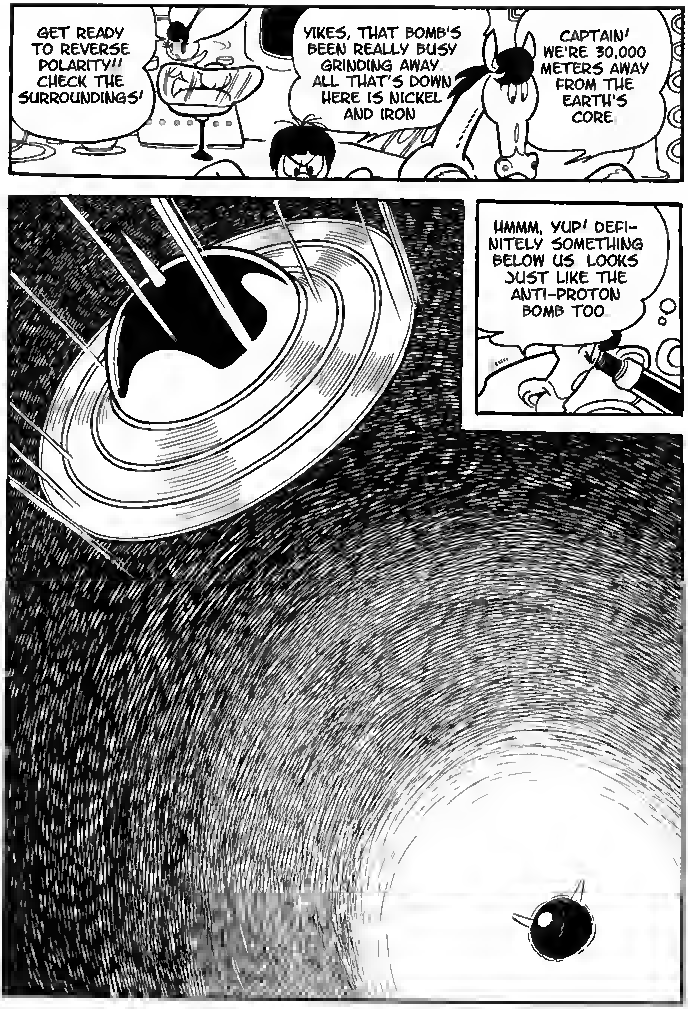
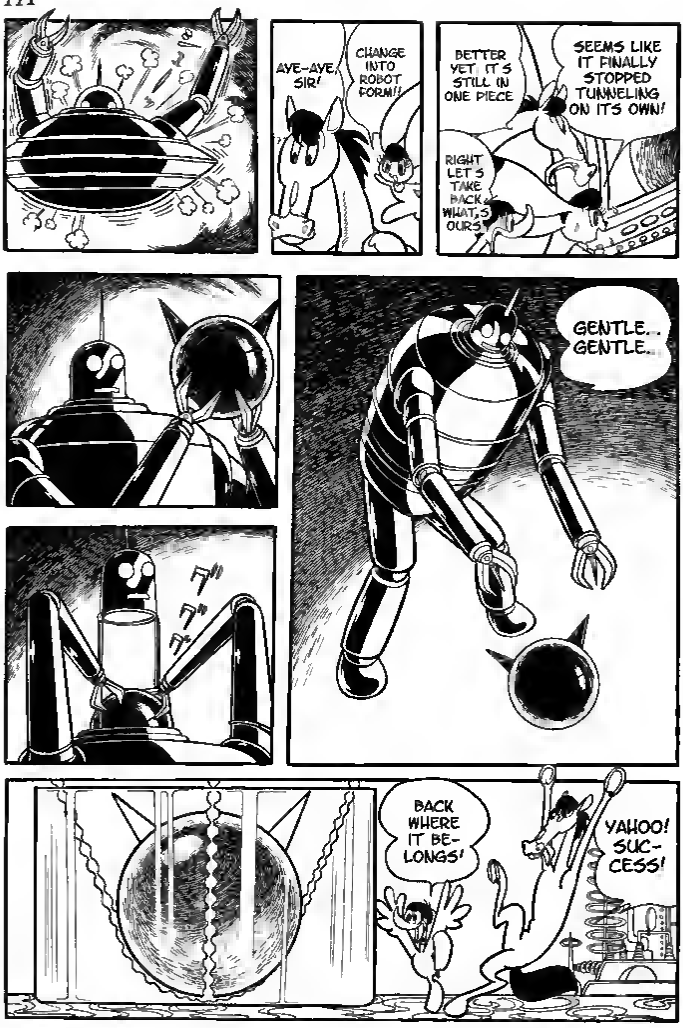

GET READY TO REVERSE POLARITY!! CHECK THE SURROUNDINGS!
YIKES, THAT BOMB'S BEEN REALLY BUSY GRINDING AWAY. ALL THAT'S DOWN HERE IS NICKEL AND IRON
CAPTAIN! WE'RE 30,000 METERS AWAY FROM THE EARTH'S CORE
HMMM, YUP! DEFI-NITELY SOMETHING BELOW US LOOKS JUST LIKE THE ANTI-PROTON BOMB TOO


AYE-AYE, SIR!
CHANGE INTO ROBOT FORM!!
BETTER YET, IT'S STILL IN ONE PIECE
SEEMS LIKE IT FINALLY STOPPED TUNNELING ON ITS OWN!
RIGHT LET'S TAKE BACK WHAT'S OURS
GENTLE... GENTLE...
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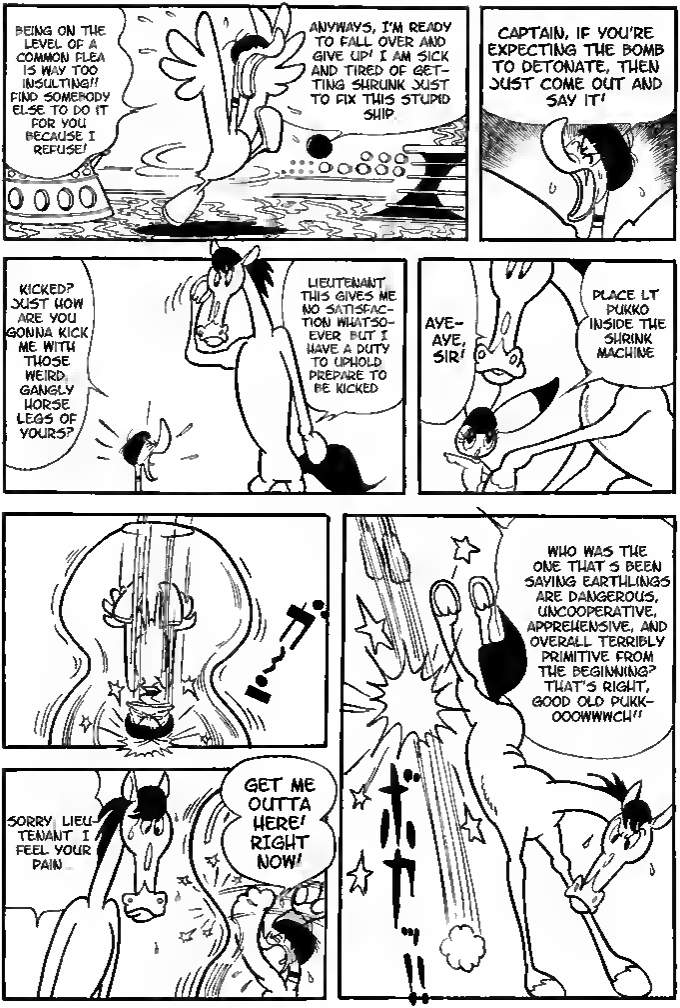
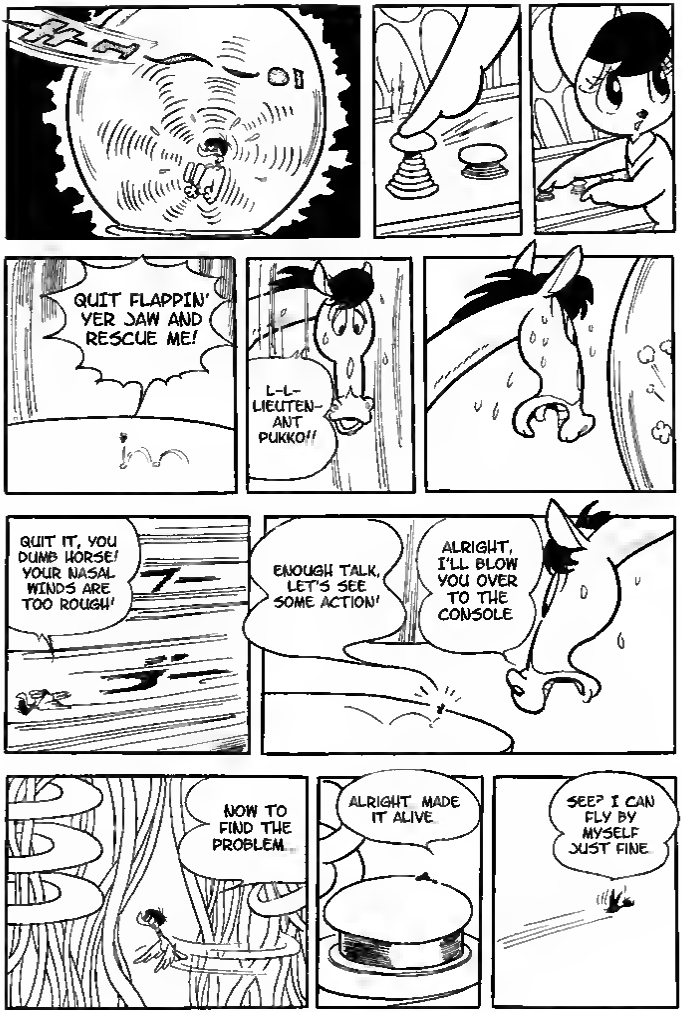
BACK WHERE IT BE-LONGS!
YAHOO! SUC-CESS!

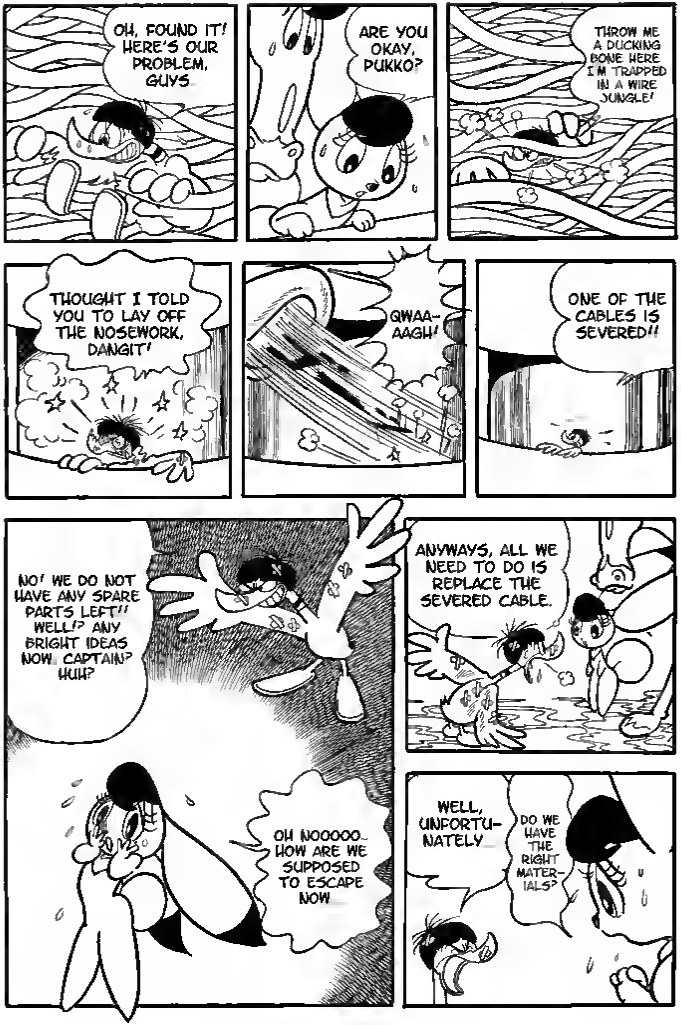
HM?
NOW THAT WE'VE COMPLETED OUR OBJECTIVE LET'S HEAD BACK TO THE SURFACE
ALTHOUGH THE EXTERIOR APPEARS LIKE IT WAS STARTING TO DETERIORATE FROM THE SEVERE HEAT I THINK WE'RE SAFE
HOW COME!?
UMMM, SERIOUSLY WE AREN'T MOVING
NOKKO, YOU CLOWN NOW AIN'T THE TIME FOR LAME JOKES!
SOMETHING'S WRONG, CAPTAIN
BEGIN ASCENSION!!
WHATEVER YOU SAY, BOSS
PUKKO DETERMINE THE CAUSE! NOKKO, YOU FIX THE PROBLEM ASSOCIATED WITH THE MECHANICAL FAILURE!
HE'S RIGHT, ALL THE READINGS ARE TOTALLY BANANAS!
STILL AIN'T WORKING

NOTE: AN ARTIFICIAL BRAIN IS THE CONTROL UNIT FOR AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

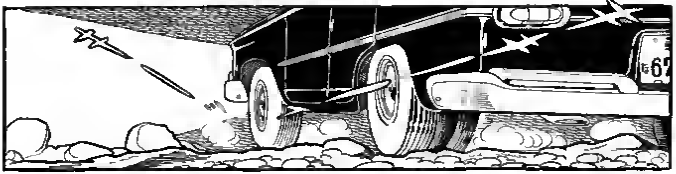
WHAT'S THE DIAGNOSIS, DOC? IS IT THE ARTIFICIAL BRAIN?"
TERRIBLE! WE'RE TOTALLY STUCK ON BOTH ENDS OF THE PROBLEM.
WITHOUT PROPER READINGS I CAN'T REALLY FIGURE OUT WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO REPAIR
GATHER UP, WONDER THREE!!
YEP.
HOWEVER, WE MUST STILL PREPARE FOR THE WORST CASE SCANERIO.
EVIDENTLY, WE ARE FACING A CRISIS SITUATION OF THE WORST POSSIBLE TYPE I HAVE CHOSEN TO NOMITATE LIEUTENANT PUKKO AS THE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR INVESTIGATING THE SPECIFIC ERRORS ASSOCIATED WITH OUR SHIP'S ARTIFICIAL BRAIN!!
WORST CASE SCENARIO?

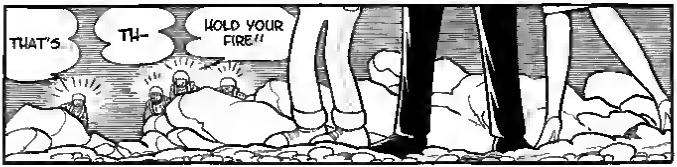

BEING ON THE LEVEL OF A COMMON FLEA IS WAY TOO INSULTING!! FIND SOMEBODY ELSE TO DO IT FOR YOU BECAUSE I REFUSE!
ANYWAYS, I'M READY TO FALL OVER AND GIVE UP! I AM SICK AND TIRED OF GETTING SHRUNK JUST TO FIX THIS STUPID SHIP.
CAPTAIN, IF YOU'RE EXPECTING THE BOMB TO DETONATE, THEN JUST COME OUT AND SAY IT!
KICKED? JUST HOW ARE YOU GONNA KICK ME WITH THOSE WEIRD, GANGLY HORSE LEGS OF YOURS?
LIEUTENANT THIS GIVES ME NO SATISFACTION WHATSOEVER BUT I HAVE A DUTY TO UPHOLD PREPARE TO BE KICKED
AYE-AYE, SIR!
PLACE LT PUKKO INSIDE THE SHRINK MACHINE
SORRY LIEUTENANT I FEEL YOUR PAIN
GET ME OUTTA HERE! RIGHT NOW!
WHO WAS THE ONE THAT'S BEEN SAYING EARTHLINGS ARE DANGEROUS, UNCOOPERATIVE, APPREHENSIVE, AND OVERALL TERRIBLY PRIMITIVE FROM THE BEGINNING? THAT'S RIGHT, GOOD OLD PUKK-OOOWWWCH!!


QUIT FLAPPIN' YER JAW AND RESCUE ME!
L-L-LIEUTEN-ANT PUKKO!!
QUIT IT, YOU DUMB HORSE! YOUR NASAL WINDS ARE TOO ROUGH!
ENOUGH TALK, LET'S SEE SOME ACTION!
ALRIGHT, I'LL BLOW YOU OVER TO THE CONSOLE
NOW TO FIND THE PROBLEM
ALRIGHT MADE IT ALIVE
SEE? I CAN FLY BY MYSELF JUST FINE


OH, FOUND IT! HERE'S OUR PROBLEM, GUYS.
ARE YOU OKAY, PUKKO?
THROW ME A DUCKING BONE HERE I'M TRAPPED IN A WIRE JUNGLE!
THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO LAY OFF THE NOSEWORK, DANGIT!
QWAA-AAGH!
ONE OF THE CABLES IS SEVERED!!
NO! WE DO NOT HAVE ANY SPARE PARTS LEFT!! WELL!? ANY BRIGHT IDEAS NOW, CAPTAIN? HUH?
ANYWAYS, ALL WE NEED TO DO IS REPLACE THE SEVERED CABLE.
OH NOOOOO.. HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO ESCAPE NOW...
WELL, UNFORTU-NATELY...
DO WE HAVE THE RIGHT MATER-IALS?

MEANWHILE, AT THE SURFACE, PHOENIX AGENTS CONTINUE WAITING UNCOMFORTABLY FOR THE ALIENS TO EMERGE FROM THE CRATER...
AH!
HM?
WHAT'S THE HOLDUP? FIGURED THOSE ALIENS WOULD BE IN AND OUT LIKE A FLASH!
MAYBE THE ALIENS?
SOLDIERS FROM THE BASE?
SOMEONE'S COMING
"T"




THAT'S
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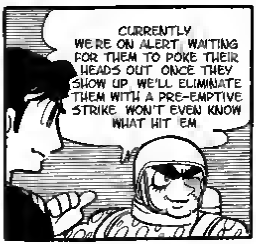
HOLD YOUR FIRE!!

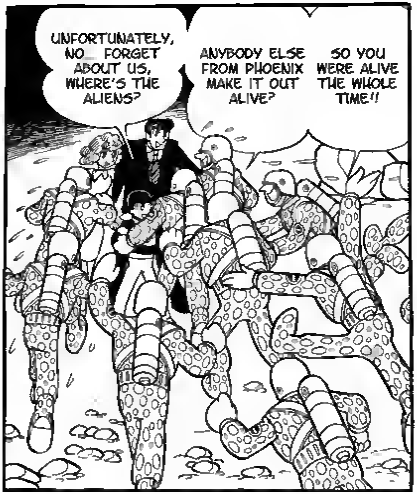
AND ELISE!!

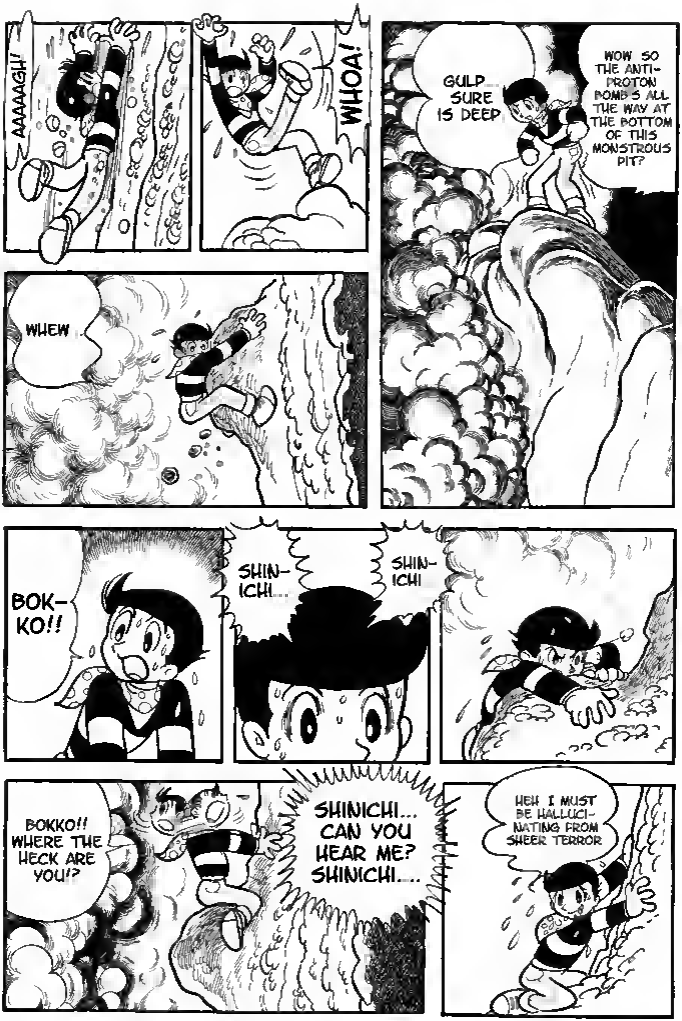
SHIN-ICHI'S WITH HIM!!

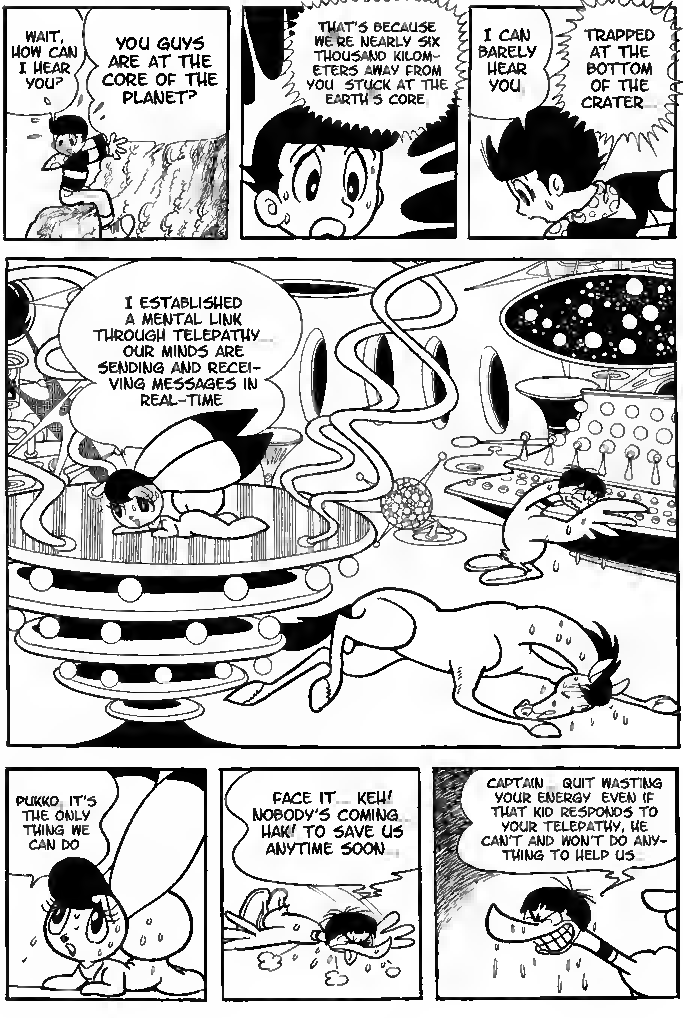
F7!


CURRENTLY WE'RE ON ALERT, WAITING FOR THEM TO POKE THEIR HEADS OUT. ONCE THEY SHOW UP, WE'LL ELIMINATE THEM WITH A PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE. WON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT HIT 'EM.

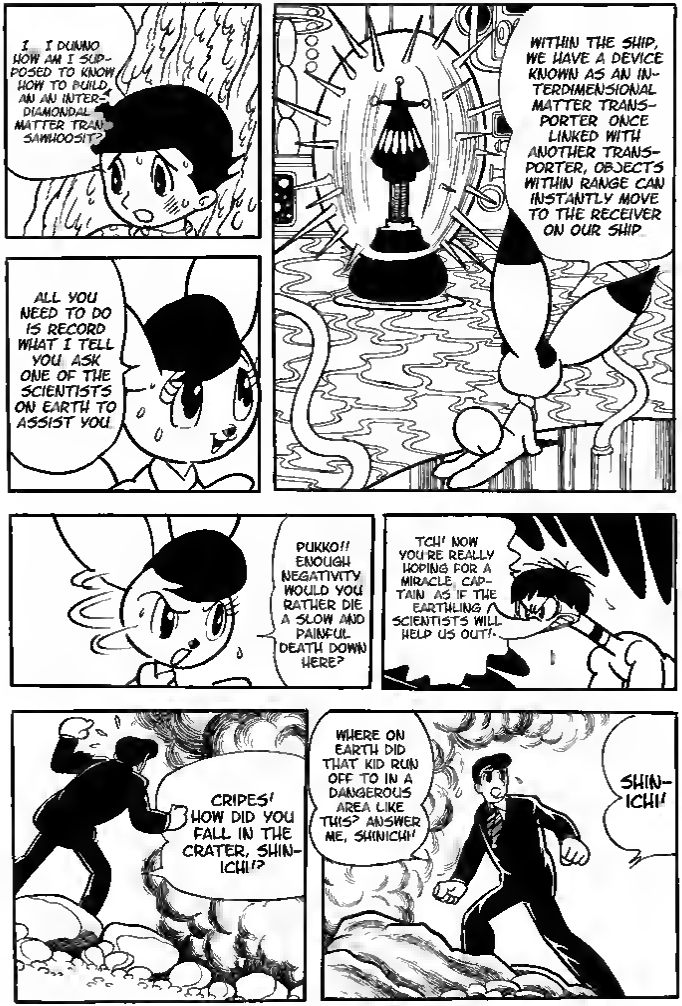
PHOENIX WEAPONRY IS THE BEST THERE IS
WONDER IF WE CAN TRULY DEFEAT THEM


UNFORTUNATELY, NO... FORGET ABOUT US, WHERE'S THE ALIENS?
ANYBODY ELSE FROM PHOENIX MAKE IT OUT ALIVE?
SO YOU WERE ALIVE THE WHOLE TIME!!

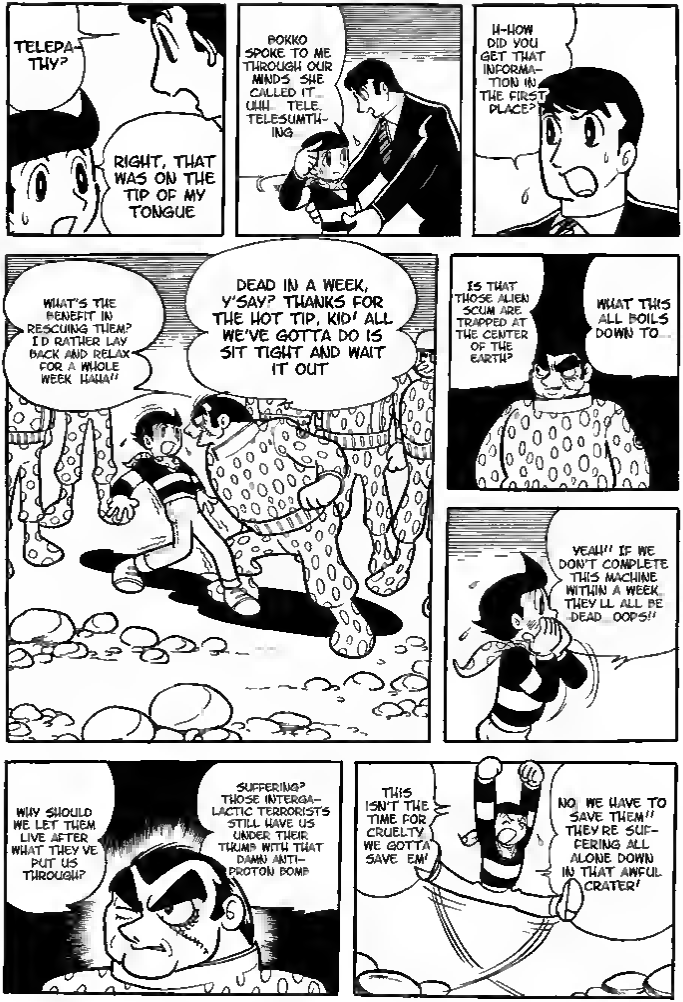

AAAAAGH!
WHOA!
GULP SURE IS DEEP
WOW SO THE ANTI-PROTON BOMB'S ALL THE WAY AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS MONSTROUS PIT?
WHEW
BOK-KO!!
SHIN-ICHI...
SHIN-ICHI
BOKKO!! WHERE THE HECK ARE YOU!?
SHINICHI... CAN YOU HEAR ME? SHINICHI....
HEH I MUST BE HALLUCI-NATING FROM SHEER TERROR

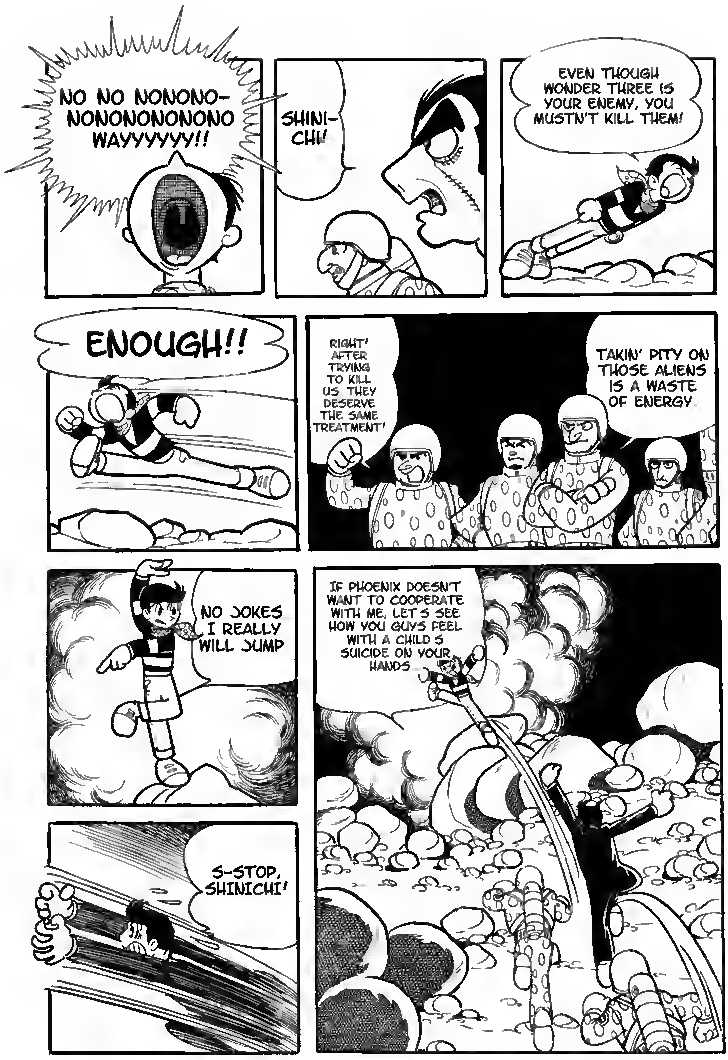

WAIT, HOW CAN I HEAR YOU?
YOU GUYS ARE AT THE CORE OF THE PLANET?
THAT'S BECAUSE WE'RE NEARLY SIX THOUSAND KILOMETERS AWAY FROM YOU STUCK AT THE EARTH'S CORE
I CAN BARELY HEAR YOU
TRAPPED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CRATER
I ESTABLISHED A MENTAL LINK THROUGH TELEPATHY OUR MINDS ARE SENDING AND RECEIVING MESSAGES IN REAL-TIME
PUKKO, IT'S THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO
FACE IT... KEH! NOBODY'S COMING... HAK! TO SAVE US ANYTIME SOON...
CAPTAIN... QUIT WASTING YOUR ENERGY EVEN IF THAT KID RESPONDS TO YOUR TELEPATHY, HE CAN'T AND WON'T DO ANYTHING TO HELP US...

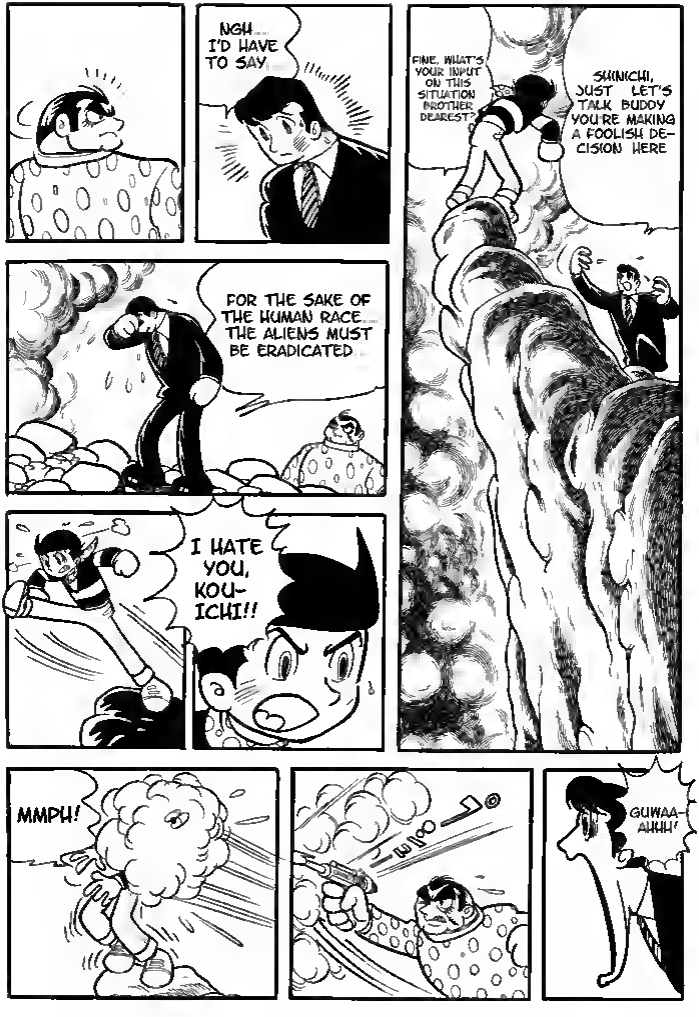
SAVE YOU? HOW THE HECK AM I SUPPOSED TO DO THAT?
SHINICHI, YOU'RE OUR ONLY HOPE. YOU MUST SAVE US
THOSE SAVAGE HUMANS WOULDN'T SPARE EVEN A PINCH OF KINDNESS FOR US
HM!?
BOKKO, JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU NEED DONE AND I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT
CURRENTLY, OUR SHIP IS INOPERABLE PART OF THE MACHINERY NECESSARY FOR IT TO FUNCTION HAS BEEN DAMAGED
A-ALRIGHT THINK I CAN HANDLE THAT... BUT WAIT A MINUTE
IN ORDER TO REPAIR THE PROBLEM, WE NEED YOU TO BRING US PARTS
DIDN'T SEE THAT ONE COMING... SHINICHI'S A REAL STAND-UP GUY, AFTER ALL...
THERE'S A WAY
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO DROP SUPPLIES THROUGH THIS HOLE AND MAKE SURE IT EVEN MAKES IT TO THE BOTTOM WITHOUT BURNING TO A CRISP?
YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE, SHINICHI! I KNEW YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND...


I... I DUNNO HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW HOW TO BUILD AN AN INTER-DIAMONDAL MATTER TRANSAMHOOSIT?
WITHIN THE SHIP, WE HAVE A DEVICE KNOWN AS AN INTERDIMENSIONAL MATTER TRANSPORTER ONCE LINKED WITH ANOTHER TRANSPORTER, OBJECTS WITHIN RANGE CAN INSTANTLY MOVE TO THE RECEIVER ON OUR SHIP.
ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS RECORD WHAT I TELL YOU. ASK ONE OF THE SCIENTISTS ON EARTH TO ASSIST YOU.
PUKKO!! ENOUGH NEGATIVITY. WOULD YOU RATHER DIE A SLOW AND PAINFUL DEATH DOWN HERE?
TCH! NOW YOU'RE REALLY HOPING FOR A MIRACLE, CAPTAIN. AS IF THE EARTHLING SCIENTISTS WILL HELP US OUT!
CRIPES! HOW DID YOU FALL IN THE CRATER, SHINICHI!?
WHERE ON EARTH DID THAT KID RUN OFF TO IN A DANGEROUS AREA LIKE THIS? ANSWER ME, SHINICHI!
SHINICHI!

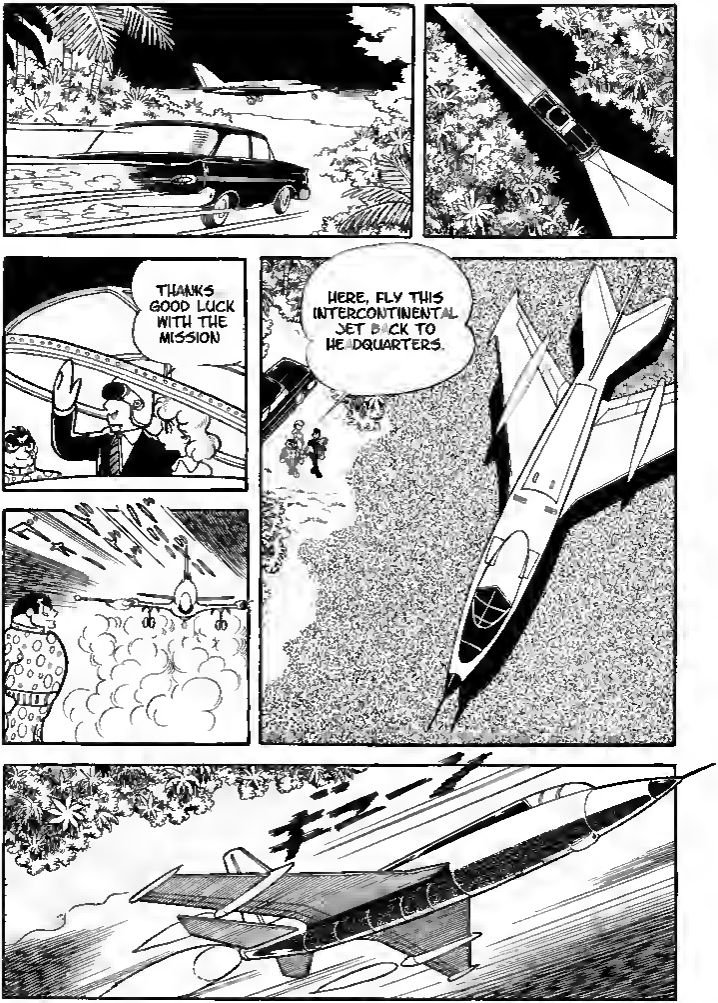
BELIEVE ME, I'LL BE BACK TO SAVE YOU GUYS
BOKKO, KEEP YOUR CHIN UP!
LIKELY NO MORE THAN A WEEK
HOW MUCH TIME DO I HAVE?
PASS THAT SHEET OFF TO A SCIENTIST, AND HE SHOULD UNDERSTAND WHAT TO DO
THAT'S EVERYTHING
HUP!
GET UP HERE RIGHT NOW, SHINICHI!!
NEVERMIND THAT, KOUICHI! I NEED TO COLLABORATE WITH THE WORLD'S GREATEST SCIENTIFIC MINDS IN ORDER TO RESCUE THE ALIENS!! I'VE GOT THE METHODS AND THE MATERIALS WRITTEN DOWN RIGHT HERE!! WONDER THREE IS GROUNDED AT THE VERY CORE OF THE EARTH BY FOLLOWING THESE INSTRUCTIONS WE'LL BE ABLE TO TRANSFER THEM THE NECESSARY PARTS TO FIX THEIR SHIP AND ESCAPE THE CRATER
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?


TELEPA-THY?
RIGHT, THAT WAS ON THE TIP OF MY TONGUE
ROKKO SPOKE TO ME THROUGH OUR MINDS SHE CALLED IT... UHH... TELE. TELESUMTH-ING
H-HOW DID YOU GET THAT INFORMA-TION IN THE FIRST PLACE?
WHAT'S THE BENEFIT IN RESCUING THEM? I'D RATHER LAY BACK AND RELAX FOR A WHOLE WEEK HAHA!!
DEAD IN A WEEK, Y'SAY? THANKS FOR THE HOT TIP, KID! ALL WE'VE GOTTA DO IS SIT TIGHT AND WAIT IT OUT
IS THAT THOSE ALIEN SCUM ARE TRAPPED AT THE CENTER OF THE EARTH?
WHAT THIS ALL BOILS DOWN TO...
YEAH!! IF WE DON'T COMPLETE THIS MACHINE WITHIN A WEEK, THEY'LL ALL BE DEAD... OOPS!!
WHY SHOULD WE LET THEM LIVE AFTER WHAT THEY'VE PUT US THROUGH?
SUFFERING? THOSE INTERGA-LACTIC TERRORISTS STILL HAVE US UNDER THEIR THUMB WITH THAT DAMN ANTI-PROTON BOMB
THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR CRUELTY WE GOTTA SAVE 'EM!
NO, WE HAVE TO SAVE THEM!! THEY'RE SUF-FERING ALL ALONE DOWN IN THAT AWFUL CRATER!


NO NO NONONO-
NONONONONONO
WAYYYYYY!!
SHINI-
CHI!
EVEN THOUGH WONDER THREE IS YOUR ENEMY, YOU MUSTN'T KILL THEM!
ENOUGH!!
RIGHT! AFTER TRYING TO KILL US THEY DESERVE THE SAME TREATMENT!
TAKIN' PITY ON THOSE ALIENS IS A WASTE OF ENERGY
NO JOKES I REALLY WILL JUMP
IF PHOENIX DOESN'T WANT TO COOPERATE WITH ME, LET'S SEE HOW YOU GUYS FEEL WITH A CHILD'S SUICIDE ON YOUR HANDS
S-STOP, SHINICHI!


NGH... I'D HAVE TO SAY...
SHINICHI, JUST LET'S TALK BUDDY YOU'RE MAKING A FOOLISH DECISION HERE
FINE. WHAT'S YOUR INPUT ON THIS SITUATION BROTHER DEAREST?
FOR THE SAKE OF THE HUMAN RACE... THE ALIENS MUST BE ERADICATED
I HATE YOU, KOU-ICHI!!
MMPH!
GUWAA-AHH!

WELL, WHAT NOW?
UNDER-STOOD
WITHOUT A FAST-ACTING TRANQUILIZER THE BOY'S MOMENTUM MIGHT HAVE CARRIED HIM RIGHT INTO THAT HOLE CONSCIOUS OR NOT
FORGIVE ME I HAD NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO KNOCK HIM OUT
WELL, I CAN'T HAVE SHINICHI ON THE PREM-ISES ANY LONGER
DON'T SELL ME SHORT. I'M IN PERFECT CONDITION!
F7, TAKE ELISE WITH YOU AND HEAD BACK TO JAPAN. BOTH OF YOU DESERVE SOME PERSONAL TIME MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE.
GUESS WE'LL BE ROUGHING IT OUT HERE FOR THE NEXT WEEK OR SO
VERY WELL. I UNDER-STAND
ALLOWING A CHILD TO BE PRESENT IN AN UNPREDICTABLY HAZARDOUS ENVIRONMENT LONGER THAN NECESSARY DOESN'T SIT RIGHT WITH ME. IF YOU SEE WHERE I'M COMING FROM YOU'LL DO THE RIGHT THING AND MOSEY ON HOME


THANKS GOOD LUCK WITH THE MISSION
HERE, FLY THIS INTERCONTINENTAL SET BACK TO HEADQUARTERS.
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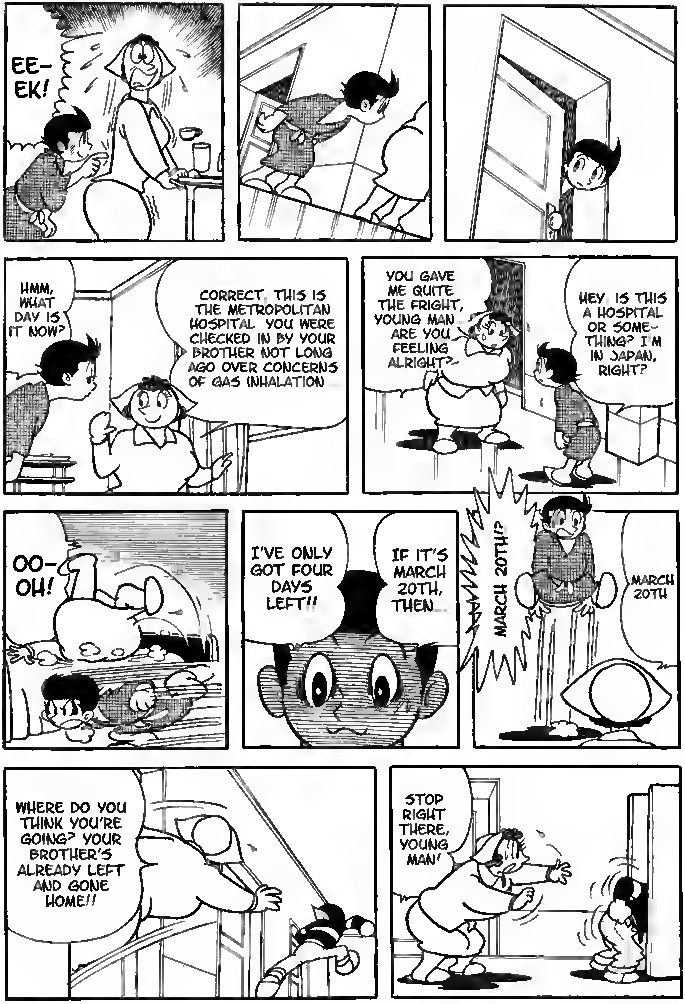
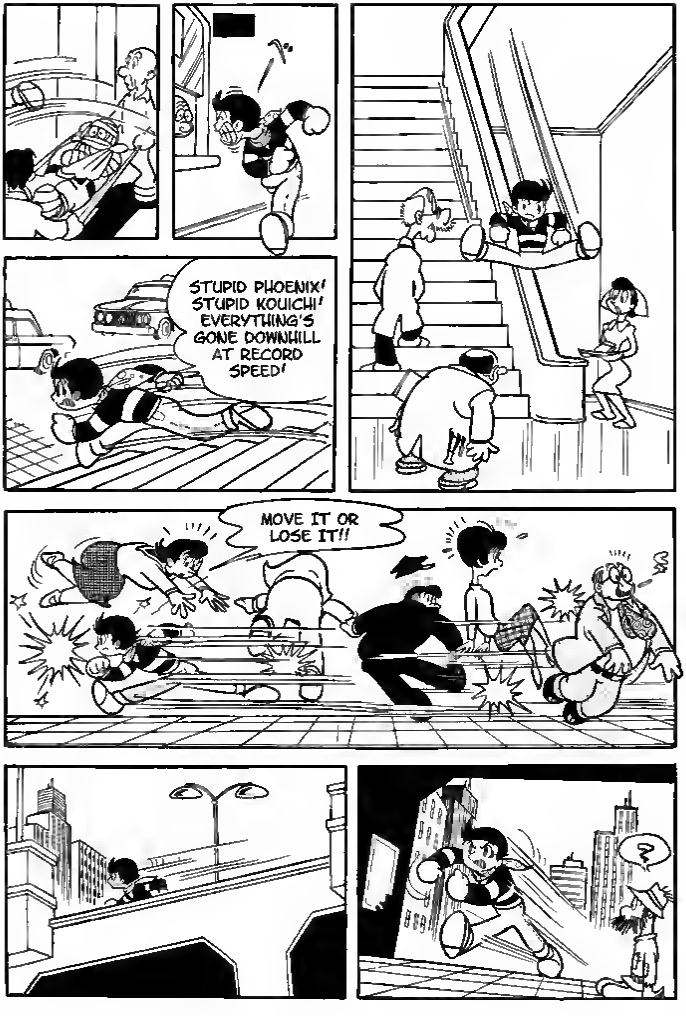
WAH!
NOOO!
WAIT, WHERE AM I?


EE-EK!
HMM, WHAT DAY IS IT NOW?
CORRECT. THIS IS THE METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL. YOU WERE CHECKED IN BY YOUR BROTHER NOT LONG AGO OVER CONCERNS OF GAS INHALATION.
YOU GAVE ME QUITE THE FRIGHT, YOUNG MAN. ARE YOU FEELING ALRIGHT?
HEY. IS THIS A HOSPITAL OR SOMETHING? I'M IN JAPAN, RIGHT?
OO-OH!
I'VE ONLY GOT FOUR DAYS LEFT!!
IF IT'S MARCH 20TH, THEN...
MARCH 20TH!?
MARCH 20TH
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING? YOUR BROTHER'S ALREADY LEFT AND GONE HOME!!
STOP RIGHT THERE, YOUNG MAN!


STUPID PHOENIX! STUPID KOUICHI! EVERYTHING'S GONE DOWNHILL AT RECORD SPEED!
MOVE IT OR LOSE IT!!
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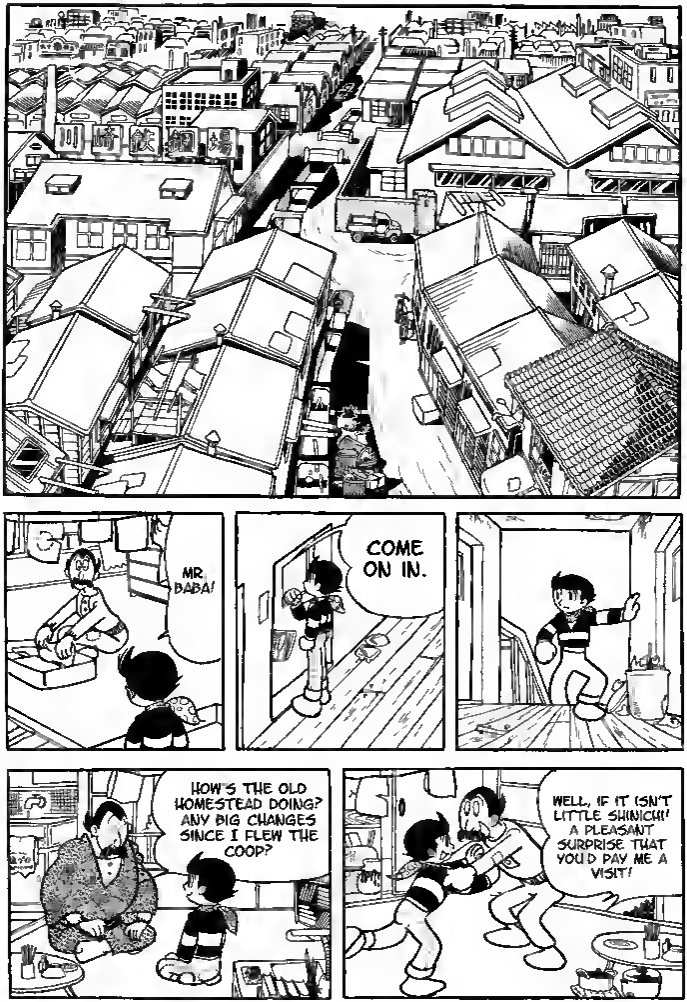
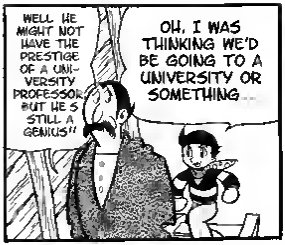

MR. BABA!
COME ON IN.
HOW'S THE OLD HOMESTEAD DOING? ANY BIG CHANGES SINCE I FLEW THE COOP?
WELL, IF IT ISN'T LITTLE SHINICHI! A PLEASANT SURPRISE THAT YOU'D PAY ME A VISIT!

NOTE: TAIYAKI IS A POPULAR SNACK IN JAPAN MADE WITH PANCAKE OR WAFFLE BATTER, FILLED WITH VARIOUS SWEET FILLINGS AND MOLDED INTO A FISH SHAPE. KIND OF LIKE A FRESH-MADE POP-TART I SUPPOSE.

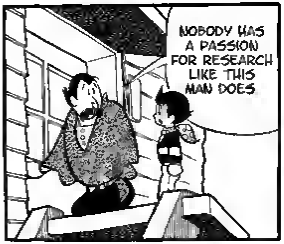
OH I WON'T BE GONE LONG FEEL FREE TO WAIT BACK INSIDE MY PLACE.
WAIT JUST A MINUTE, MY YOUNG FRIEND I KNOW A SHOP THAT SELLS THE BEST TAIYAKI IN THE COUNTRY *
SHOP SIGN: TAIYAKI
NO, SOME-THING ELSE THIS TIME
HMMM? NOW DID YOU ALREADY FORGET WHAT I TOLD YOU BEFORE I LEFT, SHINICHI? EVEN IF YOU FIND SCHOOL LESSONS UNINTERESTING, YOU SHOULD STILL MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND
MR BABA ... UMMM CAN YOU KEEP A SECRET BETWEEN THE TWO OF US?
NO THIS SIMPLY WILL NOT DO
THE SECRET TO MAKING GOOD TAIYAKI IS ENSURING THE TAIL MANAGES TO GET THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF FILLING
SIR YOU NEED TO SPREAD THE FILLING EVENLY EVEN THROUGH-OUT THE TAIL
COME NOW!! SIMPLY GIVING ME MORE TAILS FAILS TO SOLVE ANYTHING!
ANOTHER FAILURE

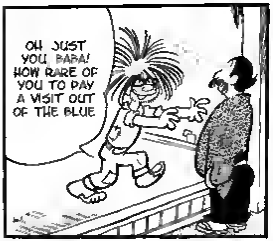
CERTAINLY I'LL SIT RIGHT HERE AND LISTEN TO WHATEVER YOU NEED TO GET OFF YOUR CHEST
BEFORE I START TALKING, I WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU AREN'T GOING TO STOP ME HALFWAY THROUGH AND TELL ME I'M WRONG OR IMAGINING THINGS
LET'S POP A SQUAT OVER ON THAT BENCH.
HOHH
HMM.
MMM
NNN-MM.
HMM MM~
AHH.
WELL? WHAT'S YOUR TAKE ON THE MATTER?
GMMM.

HO-HOH-HHH
FOR STARTERS, I'D LIKE TO SEE THE INSTRUCTIONS YOU RECEIVED FROM THE ALIEN YOU REFERRED TO AS BOKKO
WHO'S SHRUGGING ANYTHING OFF?
I KNEW YOU'D JUST SHRUG IT OFF LIKE I WAS CRAZY
ABOUT TIME WE HEADED ONWARDS, SHINICHI
I'M SURE HE'D LOVE TO HEAR ABOUT THIS MATTER TRANSPORTER TOO
REALLY? YOU AREN'T PULLING MY LEG?
JUST LIKE YOUR INSTRUCTIONS ASKED
WAA-AH!?
WE'RE GOING TO HUNT DOWN A SCIENTIST!!
AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE ASK ME. HE'S THE WORLD'S MOST BRILLIANT RESEARCHER.
SO WHO'S THIS SCIENTIST?
FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN ANYBODY TEAR UP WHILE EATING TAIYAKI HEHEH
MR BABA, I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOU! NO MATTER WHAT ANYBODY SAYS, YOU'RE STILL THE BEST TEACHER IN THE WORLD


WELL, HE MIGHT NOT HAVE THE PRESTIGE OF A UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, BUT HE'S STILL A GENIUS"
OH, I WAS THINKING WE'D BE GOING TO A UNIVERSITY OR SOMETHING

HERE'S THE PLACE.

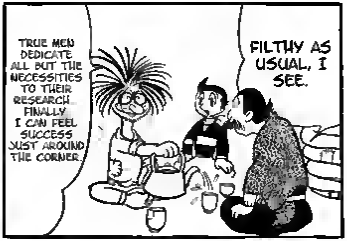

NOBODY HAS A PASSION FOR RESEARCH LIKE THIS MAN DOES

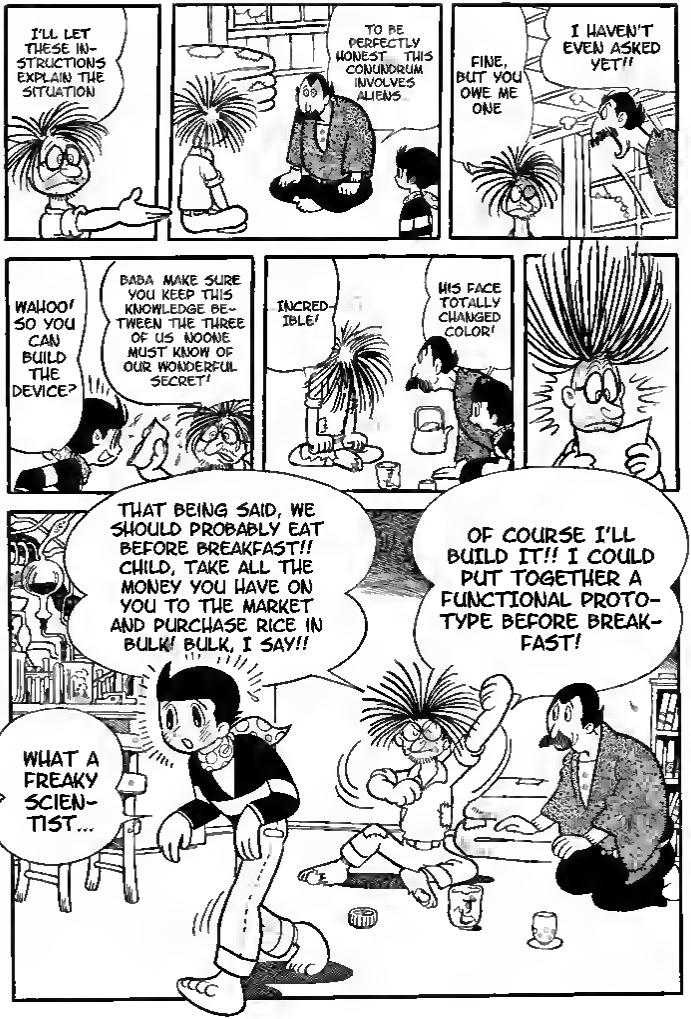

OH JUST YOU, BABA! HOW RARE OF YOU TO PAY A VISIT OUT OF THE BLUE

GO AWAY. I'M UP TO MY NECK IN WORK. THOUGHT I SAID THAT I'D PAY YOU AT THE END OF THE MONTH!

EXCUSE US

UNFORTUNATELY, I'M QUITE OCCUPIED AT THE MOMENT
ANYWAYS, WE'VE GOT A REQUEST FOR YOU


TRUE MEN DEDICATE ALL BUT THE NECESSITIES TO THEIR RESEARCH. FINALLY I CAN FEEL SUCCESS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.
FILTHY AS USUAL, I SEE.


I'LL LET THESE INSTRUCTIONS EXPLAIN THE SITUATION
TO BE PERFECTLY HONEST... THIS CONUNDRUM INVOLVES ALIENS
I HAVEN'T EVEN ASKED YET!!
FINE, BUT YOU OWE ME ONE
WAHOO! SO YOU CAN BUILD THE DEVICE?
BABA MAKE SURE YOU KEEP THIS KNOWLEDGE BETWEEN THE THREE OF US NOONE MUST KNOW OF OUR WONDERFUL SECRET!
INCREDIBLE!
HIS FACE TOTALLY CHANGED COLOR!
THAT BEING SAID, WE SHOULD PROBABLY EAT BEFORE BREAKFAST!! CHILD, TAKE ALL THE MONEY YOU HAVE ON YOU TO THE MARKET AND PURCHASE RICE IN BULK! BULK, I SAY!!
OF COURSE I'LL BUILD IT!! I COULD PUT TOGETHER A FUNCTIONAL PROTOTYPE BEFORE BREAKFAST!
WHAT A FREAKY SCIENTIST...

NOTE: AS YOU LIKELY KNOW, SHOGI IS THE JAPANESE EQUIVALENT TO CHESS

PROFESSOR SHOGI!*
69,
I FAIL TO SEE YOUR POINT.
WELL, THAT NASTY DANDRUFF-INFESTED HAIRCUT MAKES YOU SHOGI
MY NAME ISN'T SHOGI, YOU IMBECILE, IT'S GOMOKU. ADDRESS ME PROPERLY!
WAKE UP! PROFESSOR SHOGI!!
AH, I FIGURED YOU'D INQUIRE ABOUT THAT EVENTUALLY
COME ON, IT'S DAY SIX. WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE INTERDIMENSIONAL MATTER TRANSPORTER?
KEEP THE INSULTS TO YOURSELF, CHILD!
WITH THE SIZE OF THE FLAKES FALLING OFF YOUR SCALP, YOU COULD TURN THEM INTO MAKESHIFT SHOGI PIECES!!

PROFESSOR, THERE'S ONLY ONE DAY LEFT!
I'M SORTING IT OUT MENTALLY.
WHAAAAAAT!?
STILL IN THE PLANNING STAGES
WHAT'S THE STATUS?
ENOUGH WITH THE BABBLING! IF YOU HAVE TIME TO WASTE, GO MAKE LUNCH!
SO...
HEARD YOU THE FIRST TIME.
BY THIS TIME TOMORROW, THE ENTIRE WONDER THREE TEAM COULD BE SUNDAY DINNER!! I PROMISED THEM THAT ID COME THROUGH!! WE'VE GOTTA RESCUE THEM PRONTO!
BRING TEA!
RELAX. ALL THAT'S LEFT IS SORTING OUT THIS BLUEPRINT AND ENSURING THERE WILL BE NO COMPLICATIONS ASSEMBLING AND OPERATING SUCH A DEVICE
RIGHT BEHIND YOU BRIGHT-EYES.
HOW DO YOU EXPECT ME TO MAKE TEA IN THIS NEST OF JUNK!?

FLICKING THAT SWITCH POURS THE TEA
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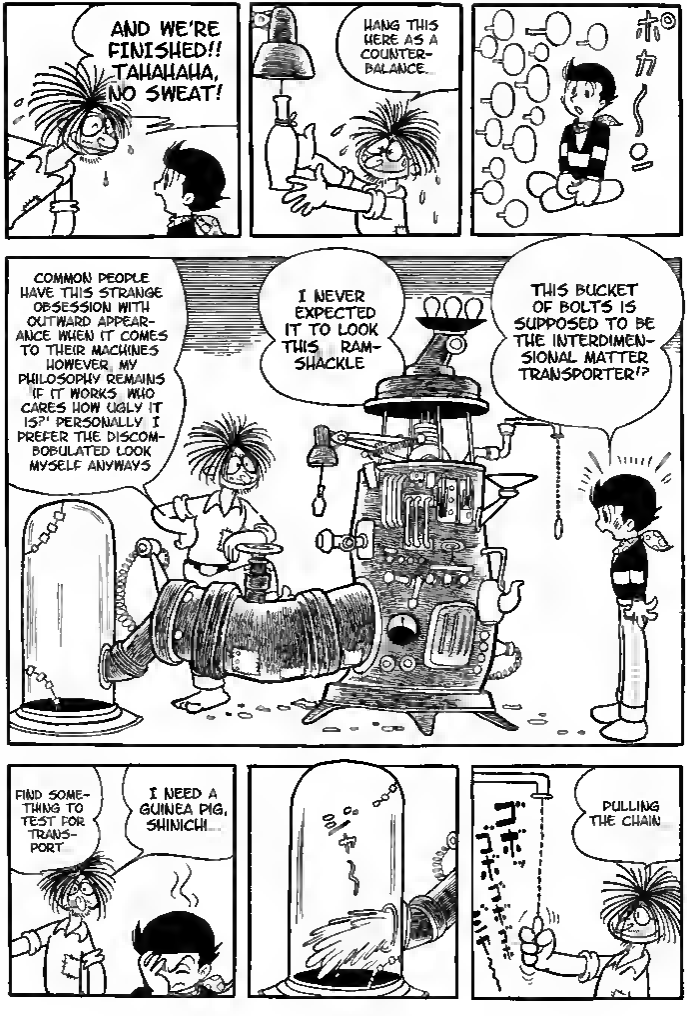
PULL THAT CHAIN TO RELEASE THE WATER
CONGRAT'S YOU'RE COVERED IN SUGAR
WRONG AGAIN YOU'VE GOT SOAP
NOT THAT ONE, THAT'S COFFEE
JUDGING FROM THE CIRCUMSTANCES I CAN CONCLUDE YOU HAVE AN EXTRAVAGANT INCOMPATIBILITY
OWO-WOW-OWO-WOW-WWW
IT EXPLODED!
LUCKILY, THIS IS AN EASY FIX

EUREKA! A PERFECT BREAKTHROUGH! I'VE RECEIVED JUST THE HINT I NEEDED TO FINALIZE THE INTER-DIMENSIONAL MATTER TRANSPORTER DESIGN!
HUH?
WAIT WAIT WAIT WAIT WAIT!!
HARD TO BELIEVE AN OBVIOUS HINT WAS LYING RIGHT UNDER MY NOSE CAREFUL
SHINICHI, WE'RE OFF TO THE RACES NOW! WATCH THE MASTER DO HIS WORK!
CRAZY PROF-ESSOR, IS THIS MACHINE ACTUALLY GONNA WORK?
HE'S GONE BALLISTIC
WOW IT'S COMING TOGETHER RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES


AND WE'RE FINISHED!! TAHAHAHA, NO SWEAT!
HANG THIS HERE AS A COUNTER-BALANCE...
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COMMON PEOPLE HAVE THIS STRANGE OBSESSION WITH OUTWARD APPEARANCE WHEN IT COMES TO THEIR MACHINES HOWEVER, MY PHILOSOPHY REMAINS IF IT WORKS WHO CARES HOW UGLY IT IS?! PERSONALLY I PREFER THE DISCOMBOBULATED LOOK MYSELF ANYWAYS
I NEVER EXPECTED IT TO LOOK THIS RAM-SHACKLE
THIS BUCKET OF BOLTS IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE INTERDIMENSIONAL MATTER TRANSPORTER!?
FIND SOMETHING TO TEST FOR TRANSPORT
I NEED A GUINEA PIG, SHINICHI...
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PULLING THE CHAIN...

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A PERFECT SPECIMEN
TRY USING THIS BOTTLE
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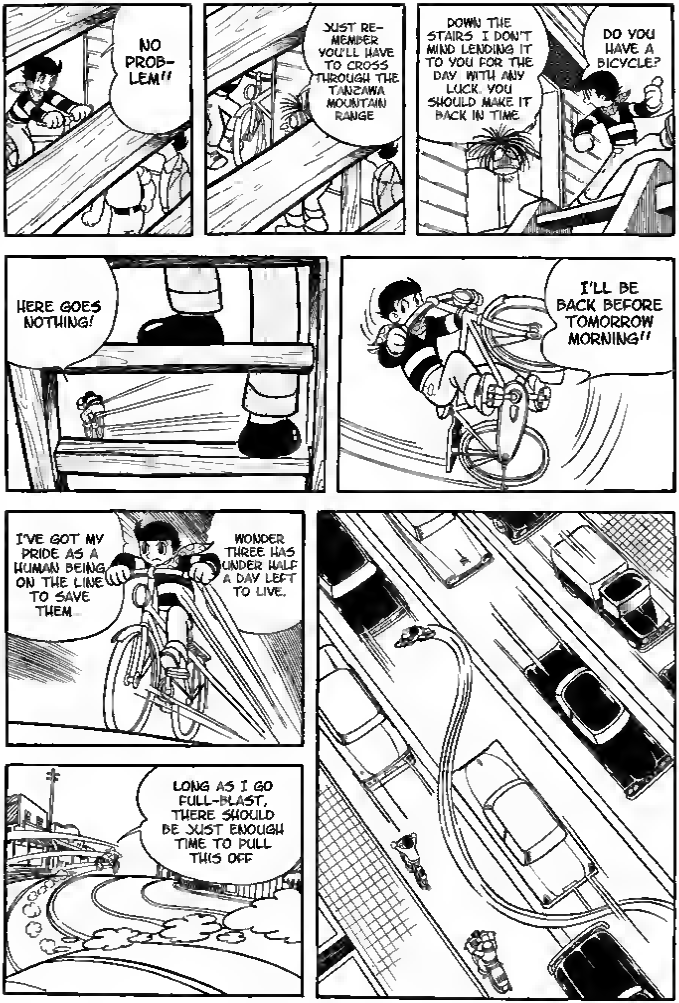
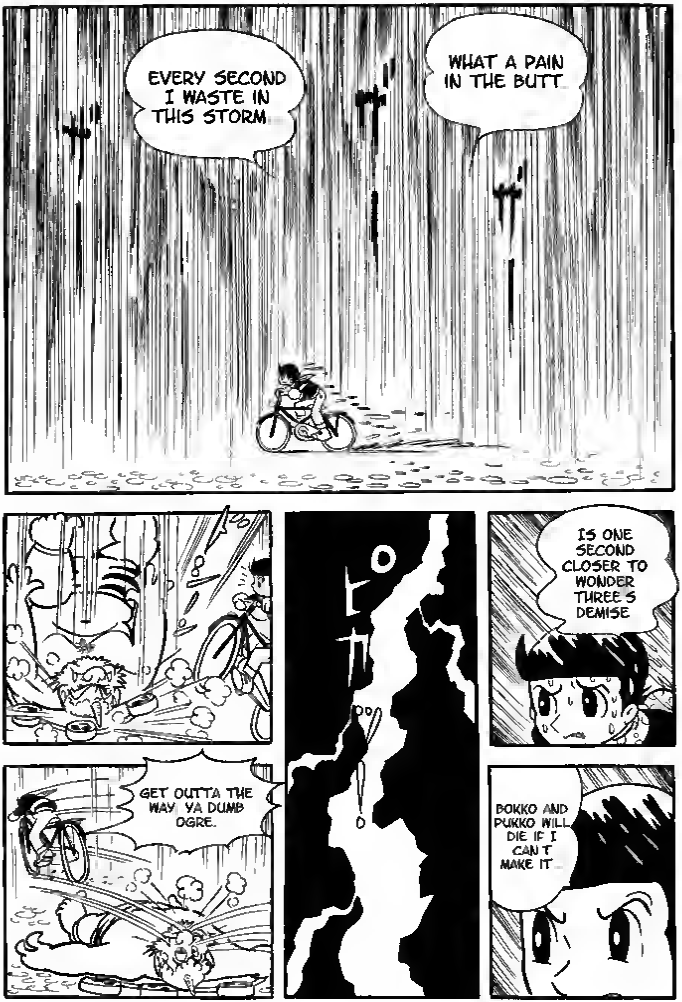
BASICALLY, I'VE DISASSEMBLED IT ON A MOLECULAR LEVEL
HANG ON, WHERE'D THE BOTTLE GO?
EXCELLENT. I THINK WE'RE ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS
HOLY SMOKES, IT VANISHED!!
NEXT, THE DISSASSEMBLED MATTER SHOULD REASSEMBLE ITSELF ONCE IT REACHES THE RECEIVER UNIT LOCATED WITHIN THE ALIENS SHIP

SHINICHI, HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU TO NEVER JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER?
SORRY FOR INSULTING YOUR CREATION
HEH, THIS WAS EASY AS PIE
PROFESSOR SHOGI, YOU REALLY ARE A GENIUS!!
SHOULD BE ON THE MEMO HERE
NOW, THE ONLY PROBLEM IS GETTING THE PROPER MATERIALS
TOLD YOU THIS GUY'S BETTER THAN ANY UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR AROUND
SURE IS!
DON'T HAVE ANY OF THESE SUPPLIES HERE. ALTHOUGH THE RESEARCH LABORATORY AT TAKASUYAMA PHYSICS SHOULD HAVE THIS KINDA STUFF.
HUH!?
NOT GONNA CUT IT
F-FINE! I'LL GO PICK UP THE SUPPLIES IN PERSON EVERYTHING SHOULD WORK OUT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER!
THERE'S JUST NOT ENOUGH TIME.
PROBLEM IS TRYING TO ARRANGE A DELIVERY IS GOING TO TAKE MORE THAN THE HALF A DAY WE HAVE LEFT TO WORK WITH


NO PROB-LEM!!
JUST RE-MEMBER YOU'LL HAVE TO CROSS THROUGH THE TANZAWA MOUNTAIN RANGE
DOWN THE STAIRS I DON'T MIND LENDING IT TO YOU FOR THE DAY WITH ANY LUCK YOU SHOULD MAKE IT BACK IN TIME
DO YOU HAVE A BICYCLE?
HERE GOES NOTHING!
I'LL BE BACK BEFORE TOMORROW MORNING!!
I'VE GOT MY PRIDE AS A HUMAN BEING ON THE LINE TO SAVE THEM...
WONDER THREE HAS UNDER HALF A DAY LEFT TO LIVE.
LONG AS I GO FULL-BLAST, THERE SHOULD BE JUST ENOUGH TIME TO PULL THIS OFF

HRMM! FWAH!
MMGH! AAAH!
HAH NO TIME TO LOSE!
GLUG GLUG
HAHH! HAHH! HAHH! HRRGH! NNGH! AUGH!


EVERY SECOND I WASTE IN THIS STORM
WHAT A PAIN IN THE BUTT
GET OUTTA THE WAY YA DUMB OGRE.
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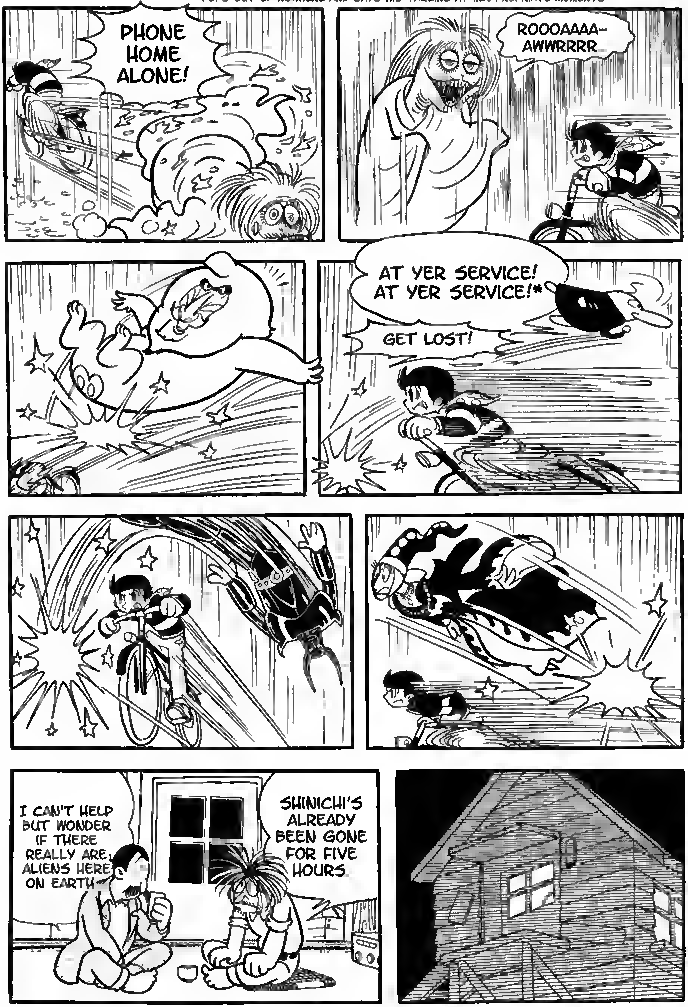
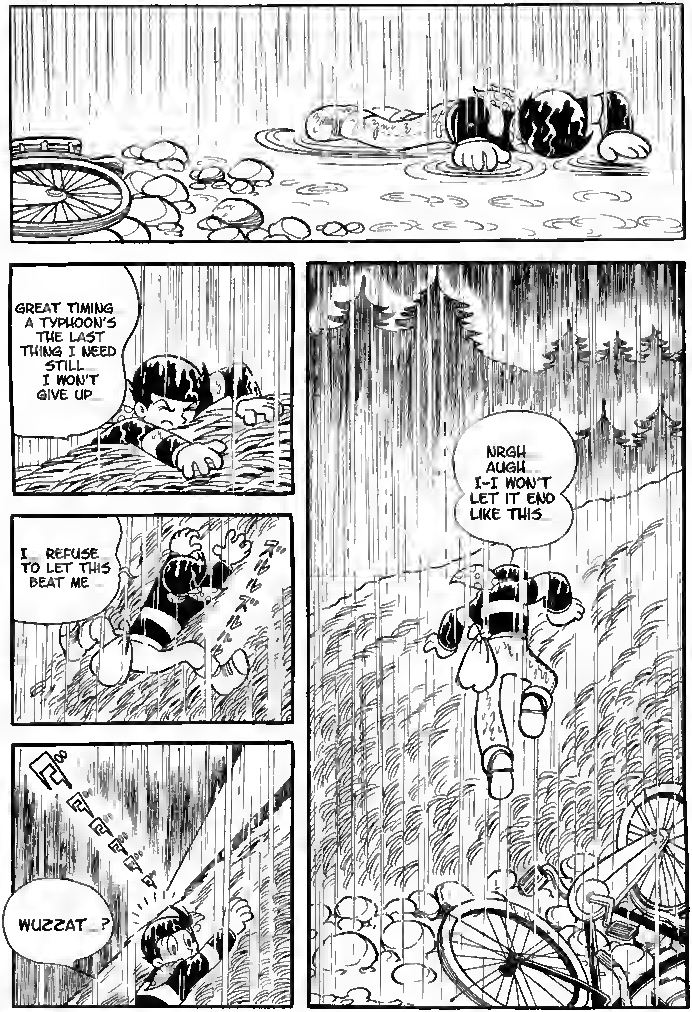
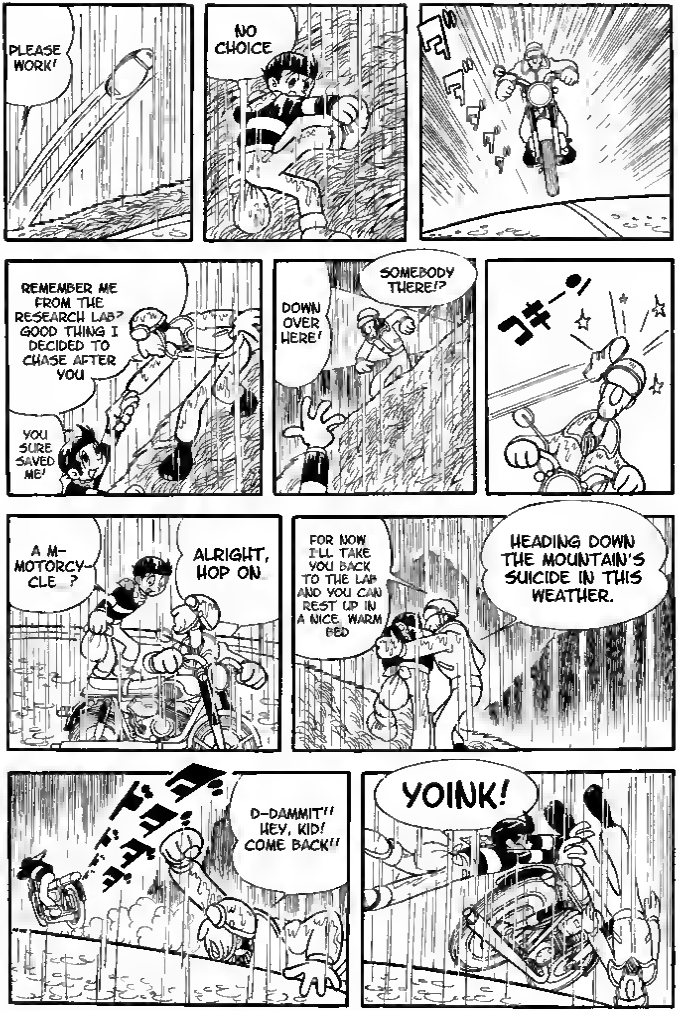
IS ONE SECOND CLOSER TO WONDER THREE'S DEMISE
BOKKO AND PUKKO WILL DIE IF I CAN'T MAKE IT


PHONE HOME ALONE!
ROOOAAAA~ AWWRRRR...
AT YER SERVICE! AT YER SERVICE!*
GET LOST!
I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER IF THERE REALLY ARE ALIENS HERE ON EARTH...
SHINICHI'S ALREADY BEEN GONE FOR FIVE HOURS.

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT?
PERHAPS THEY WERE SIMPLY ON A RECONNAISANCE MISSION
FIRST OF ALL, WHAT DO THEY WANT WITH EARTH? ALL I KNOW IS THAT THEY BROUGHT AN ANTI-PROTON BOMB WITH THEM
THANKS, YOU'RE A REAL LIFE-SAVER!
HEY BUDDY DON'T YOU THINK IT'D BE A BETTER IDEA TO WAIT UNTIL MORNING WITH THAT BICYCLE? TRAVELING AT NIGHT IN THESE PARTS IS VERY DANGEROUS
TAKAYASUYAMA PHYSICS RESEARCH LAB
CRAP, I'VE ONLY GOT THREE HOURS TO MAKE IT BACK!
MMPH.. HAHH... NRGH...

DANG-NABBIT!!
BWAAAH!
B-BOKKO...


GREAT TIMING A TYPHOON'S THE LAST THING I NEED STILL... I WON'T GIVE UP...
I... REFUSE TO LET THIS BEAT ME...
WUZZAT...?
NRGH... AUGH... I-I WON'T LET IT END LIKE THIS...


PLEASE WORK!
NO CHOICE
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REMEMBER ME FROM THE RESEARCH LAB? GOOD THING I DECIDED TO CHASE AFTER YOU
YOU SURE SAVED ME!
SOMEBODY THERE!?
DOWN OVER HERE!
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A M-MOTORCY-CLE ?
ALRIGHT, HOP ON
FOR NOW I'LL TAKE YOU BACK TO THE LAB AND YOU CAN REST UP IN A NICE WARM BED
HEADING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN'S SUICIDE IN THIS WEATHER.
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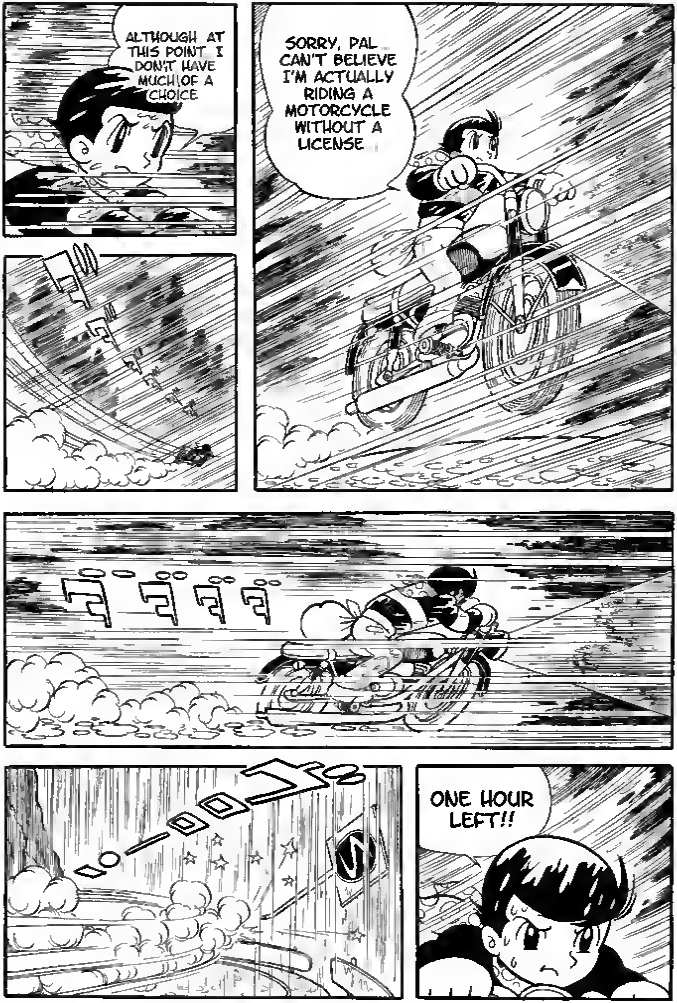
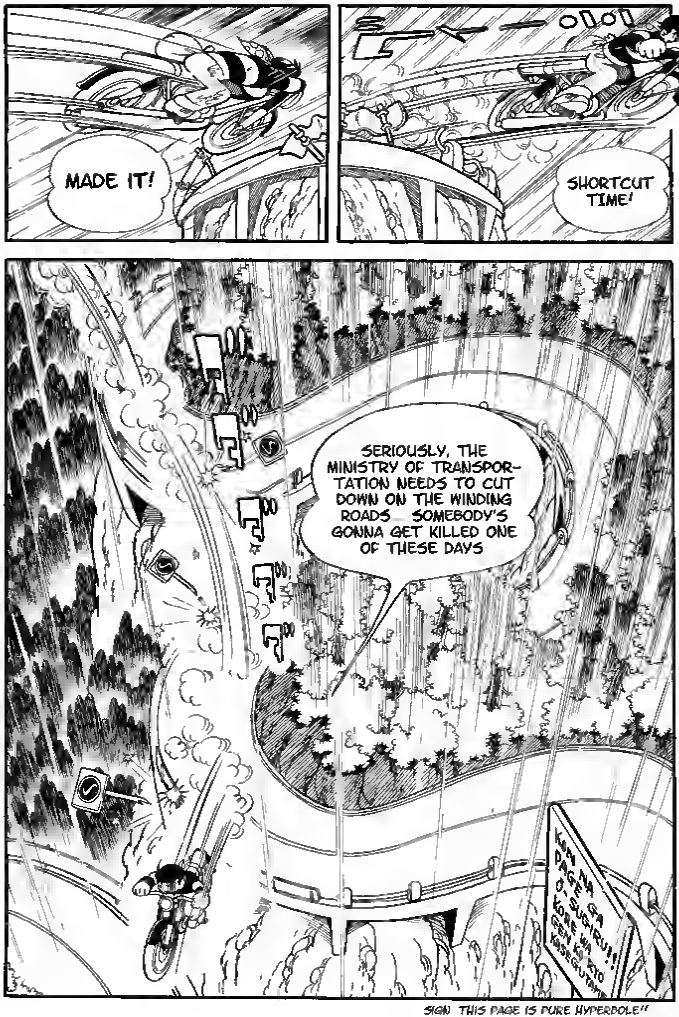
D-DAMMIT!! HEY, KID! COME BACK!!
YOINK!


ALTHOUGH AT THIS POINT I DON'T HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE
SORRY, PAL... CAN'T BELIEVE I'M ACTUALLY RIDING A MOTORCYCLE WITHOUT A LICENSE...
ONE HOUR LEFT!!


MADE IT!
SHORTCUT TIME!
SERIOUSLY, THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION NEEDS TO CUT DOWN ON THE WINDING ROADS... SOMEBODY'S GONNA GET KILLED ONE OF THESE DAYS

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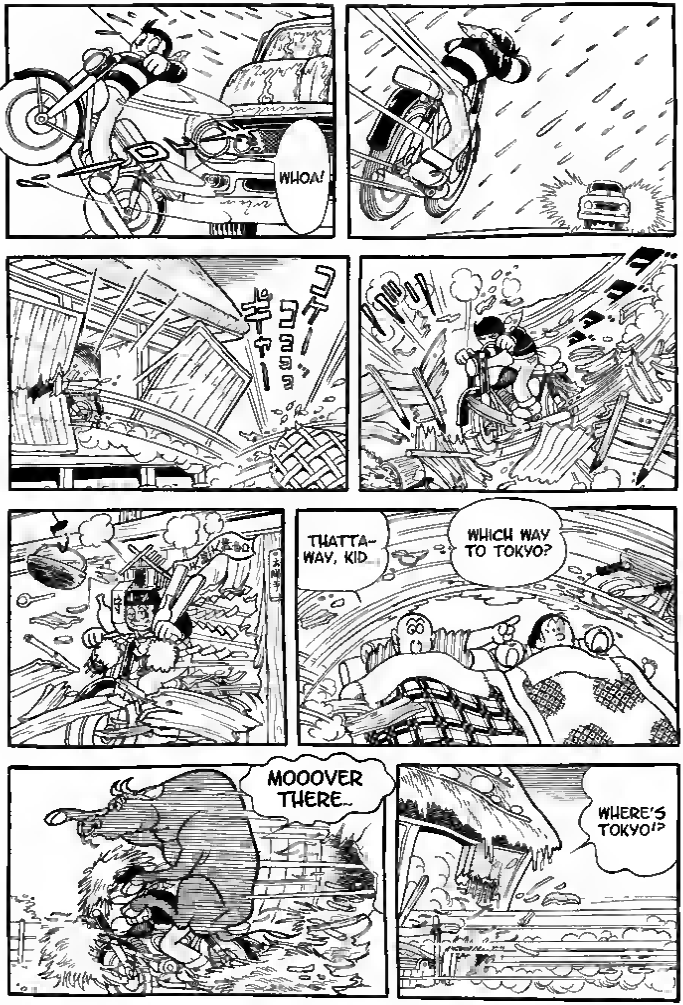
WHOA!
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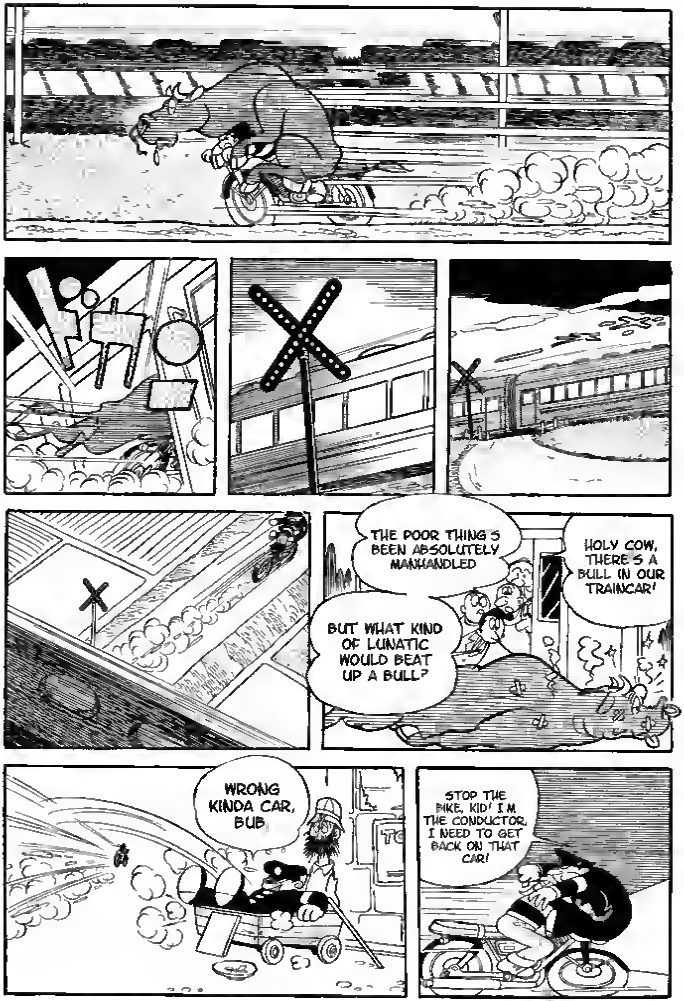
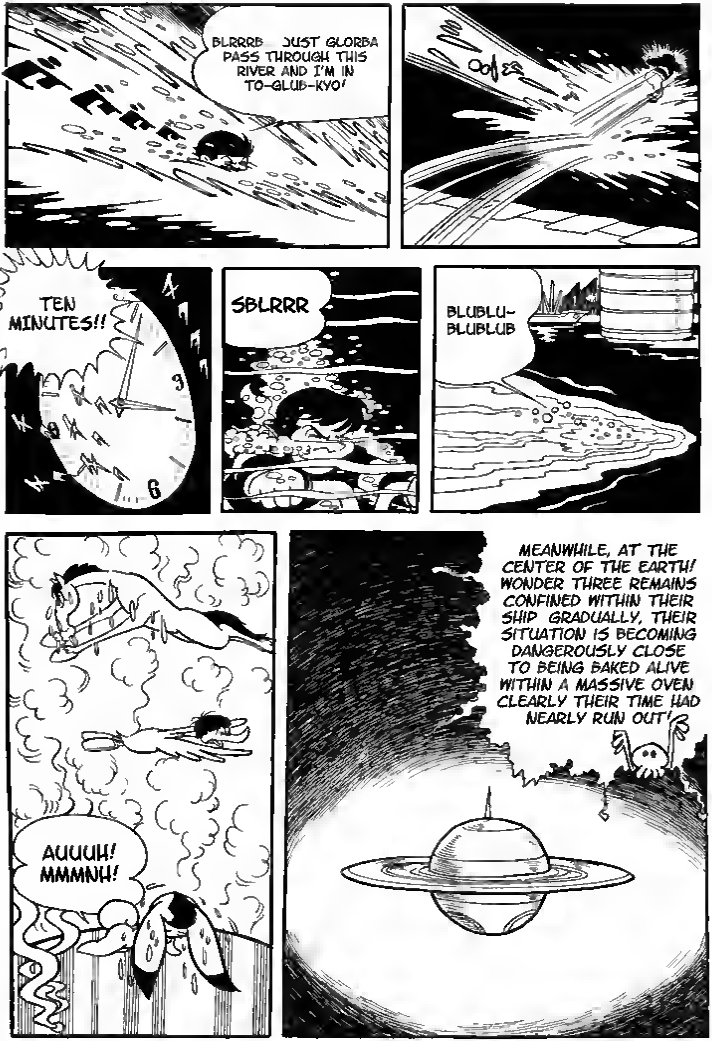
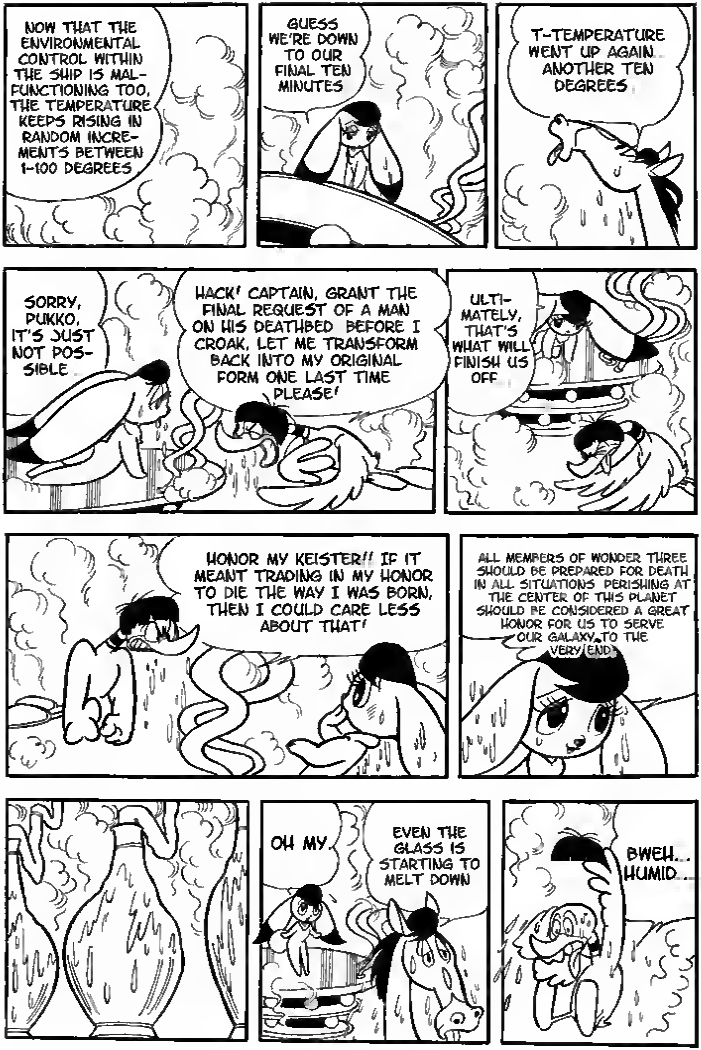
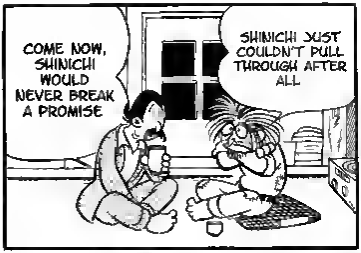
THATTA-WAY, KID
WHICH WAY TO TOKYO?
MOOOVER THERE..
WHERE'S TOKYO!?


THE POOR THING'S BEEN ABSOLUTELY MANHANDLED
BUT WHAT KIND OF LUNATIC WOULD BEAT UP A BULL?
HOLY COW, THERE'S A BULL IN OUR TRAINCAR!
WRONG KINDA CAR, BUB
STOP THE BIKE, KID! I'M THE CONDUCTOR. I NEED TO GET BACK ON THAT CAR!

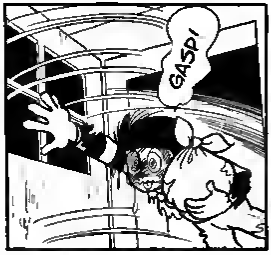

BLRRRB... JUST GLORBA PASS THROUGH THIS RIVER AND I'M IN TO-GLUB-KYO!
Ooh
TEN MINUTES!!
SBLRRR
BLUBLU~ BLUBLUB
AUUUH! MMMNH!
MEANWHILE, AT THE CENTER OF THE EARTH! WONDER THREE REMAINS CONFINED WITHIN THEIR SHIP GRADUALLY, THEIR SITUATION IS BECOMING DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO BEING BAKED ALIVE WITHIN A MASSIVE OVEN CLEARLY THEIR TIME HAD NEARLY RUN OUT!

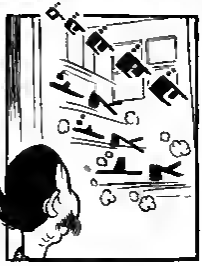

NOW THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL WITHIN THE SHIP IS MALFUNCTIONING TOO, THE TEMPERATURE KEEPS RISING IN RANDOM INCREMENTS BETWEEN 1-100 DEGREES
GUESS WE'RE DOWN TO OUR FINAL TEN MINUTES
T-TEMPERATURE WENT UP AGAIN... ANOTHER TEN DEGREES
SORRY, PUKKO, IT'S JUST NOT POSSIBLE
HACK! CAPTAIN, GRANT THE FINAL REQUEST OF A MAN ON HIS DEATHBED BEFORE I CROAK, LET ME TRANSFORM BACK INTO MY ORIGINAL FORM ONE LAST TIME PLEASE!
ULTIMATELY, THAT'S WHAT WILL FINISH US OFF...
HONOR MY KEISTER!! IF IT MEANT TRADING IN MY HONOR TO DIE THE WAY I WAS BORN, THEN I COULD CARE LESS ABOUT THAT!
ALL MEMBERS OF WONDER THREE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR DEATH IN ALL SITUATIONS PERISHING AT THE CENTER OF THIS PLANET SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A GREAT HONOR FOR US TO SERVE OUR GALAXY TO THE VERY END!
OH MY...
EVEN THE GLASS IS STARTING TO MELT DOWN
BWEH... HUMID...

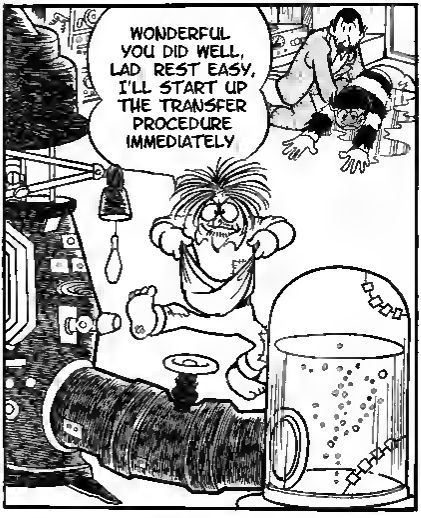

COME NOW, SHINICHI WOULD NEVER BREAK A PROMISE
SHINICHI JUST COULDN'T PULL THROUGH AFTER ALL

FIVE MINUTES LEFT...

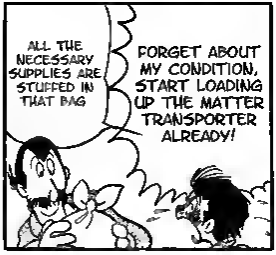
HAUGH... NNGH... PROFES-SOR... HURRY...


GASP!



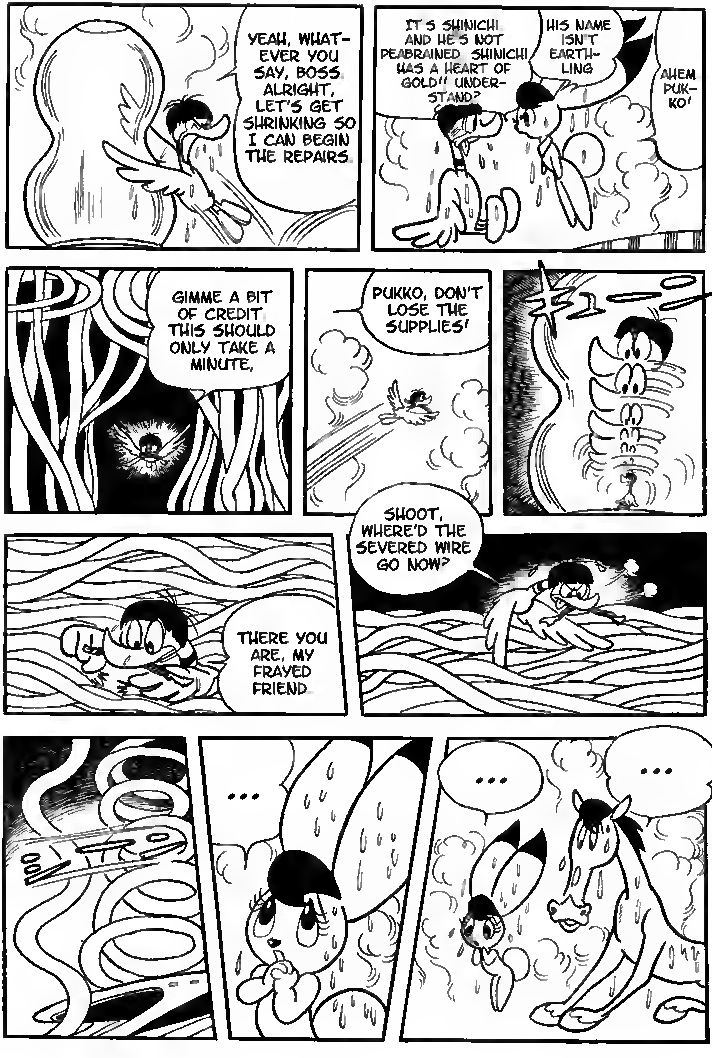

WONDERFUL YOU DID WELL, LAD REST EASY, I'LL START UP THE TRANSFER PROCEDURE IMMEDIATELY

SHIN-ICHI!!


ALL THE NECESSARY SUPPLIES ARE STUFFED IN THAT BAG
FORGET ABOUT MY CONDITION, START LOADING UP THE MATTER TRANSPORTER ALREADY!

OTHERWISE, OUR EFFORTS WILL HAVE BEEN ALL FOR NAUGHT
CROSS YOUR FINGERS THAT THE EARTH'S CORE ISN'T OUT OF RANGE
P-PUKKO!! LOOK!! THE INTERDIMENSIONAL MATTER TRANSPORTER IS ACCEPTING A TRANSFER!
SOMETHING'S STARTING TO MANIFEST! A CLOTH PACKAGE!!
CLOTH PACKAGE?

GIMME A BREAK GUYS. WHY WOULD THERE BE A CLOTH PACKAGE HERE NOW OF ALL TIMES? IT'S PROBABLY A NEAR-DEATH HALLUCINATION
AH, THANK GOOD-NESS!!
PUKKO, UNTIE THE KNOT FOR US THERE'S NO TIME TO SPARE
IF I MUST...
BUT IT'S RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES, ISN'T IT!?
SUP-POSE IT IS
QWAHA-HAHA! WAHOO!
NOW WE'RE SAVED!
BINGO!
HM...
PRETTY IMPRESSIVE THOSE PEABRAINED EARTHLINGS ACTUALLY MANAGED TO PUT TOGETHER A WORKING INTERDIMENSIONAL MATTER TRANSPORTER!
EVEN IF WE GAVE THEM IN-STRUCTIONS
QWEHEHEH! C-CAPTAIN, WE CAN FINALLY GET OUT OF THIS HORRIBLE FRYING PAN!
SO, CAN YOU FIX THE SHIP NOW?


YEAH, WHATEVER YOU SAY, BOSS. ALRIGHT, LET'S GET SHRINKING SO I CAN BEGIN THE REPAIRS.
IT'S SHINICHI AND HE'S NOT PEABRAINED. SHINICHI HAS A HEART OF GOLD!! UNDERSTAND?
HIS NAME ISN'T EARTHLING
AHEM PUKKO!
GIMME A BIT OF CREDIT. THIS SHOULD ONLY TAKE A MINUTE.
PUKKO, DON'T LOSE THE SUPPLIES!
SHOOT, WHERE'D THE SEVERED WIRE GO NOW?
THERE YOU ARE, MY FRAYED FRIEND.
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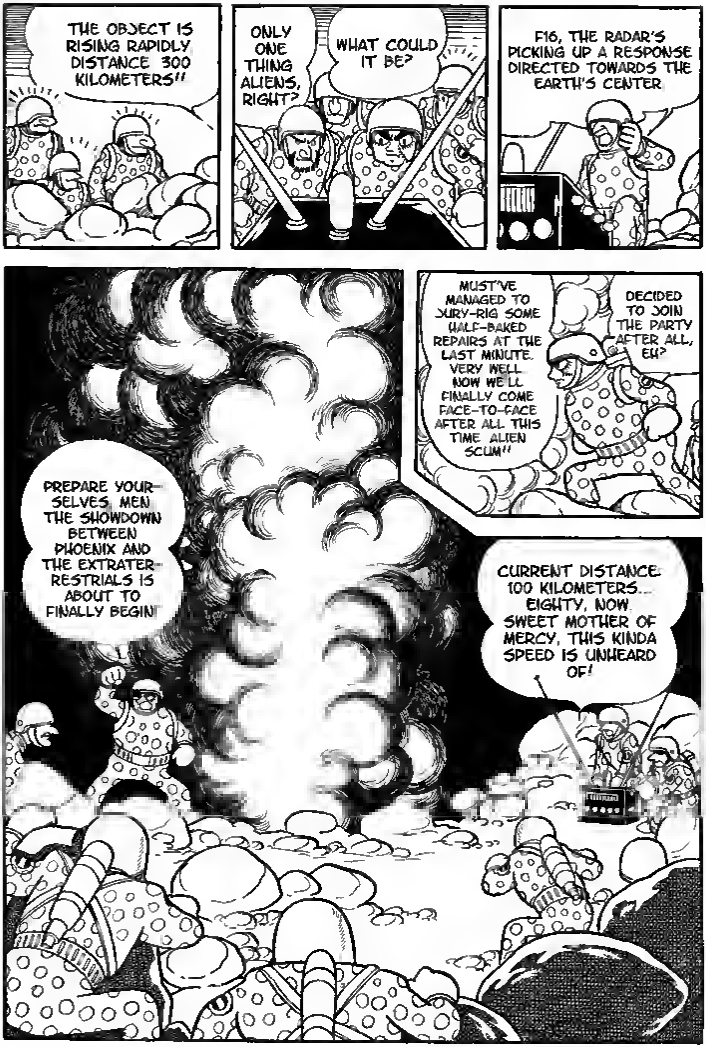
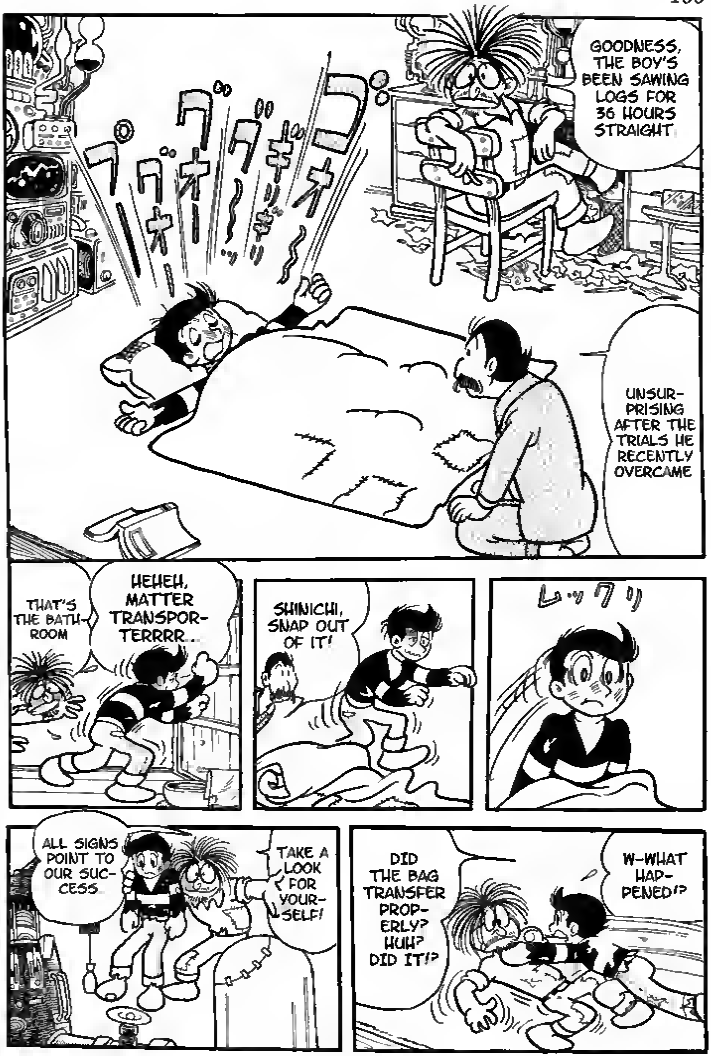
*ALIEN EXPRESSION FOR BANZAI
ONABOKYA!*
NEY-HEY-HEY! THE SHIP'S FIXED! THE SHIP'S FIXED!!
SOUNDS SPLENDID TO ME!! REVERSE POLARITY! WE'RE HEADING TO THE SURFACE, BOYS!
CAPTAIN, WHADDYA SAY TO BUSTING OUTTA THIS NASTY OLD CRATER?
SHINICHI-SAN THANK YOU SO MUCH. OUR LIVES WERE SPARED ONCE AGAIN BECAUSE OF YOUR AID


THE OBJECT IS RISING RAPIDLY DISTANCE 300 KILOMETERS!!
ONLY ONE THING ALIENS, RIGHT?
WHAT COULD IT BE?
F16, THE RADAR'S PICKING UP A RESPONSE DIRECTED TOWARDS THE EARTH'S CENTER.
MUST'VE MANAGED TO JURY-RIG SOME HALF-BAKED REPAIRS AT THE LAST MINUTE. VERY WELL. NOW WE'LL FINALLY COME FACE-TO-FACE AFTER ALL THIS TIME ALIEN SCUM!!
DECIDED TO JOIN THE PARTY AFTER ALL, EH?
PREPARE YOURSELVES, MEN. THE SHOWDOWN BETWEEN PHOENIX AND THE EXTRATERRESTRIALS IS ABOUT TO FINALLY BEGIN!
CURRENT DISTANCE: 100 KILOMETERS... EIGHTY, NOW. SWEET MOTHER OF MERCY, THIS KINDA SPEED IS UNHEARD OF!


GOODNESS, THE BOY'S BEEN SAWING LOGS FOR 36 HOURS STRAIGHT
UNSURPRISING AFTER THE TRIALS HE RECENTLY OVERCAME
THAT'S THE BATHROOM
HEHEH, MATTER TRANSPORTERRRR...
SHINICHI, SNAP OUT OF IT!
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ALL SIGNS POINT TO OUR SUCCESS
TAKE A LOOK FOR YOURSELF!
DID THE BAG TRANSFER PROPERLY? HUH? DID IT!?
W-WHAT HAPPENED!?

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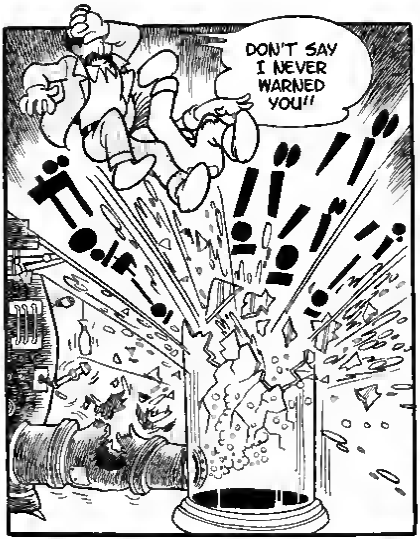
AND THE SANDMAN STRIKES AGAIN
YAHOOOOO!
RELAX, THE MATTER TRANSPORTER COMPLETED ITS JOB WITHOUT A HITCH.
HMMM, I SUPPOSE THERE IS SOME CREDIT DUE ON MY BEHALF.
SHINICHI PLAYED HIS PART IN THE OPERATION, BUT WITHOUT YOUR MACHINE, WE'D HAVE HIT A BRICK WALL RIGHT FROM THE GET-GO
SAY, GOMOKU
HEH, WHAT A KOOKY KID.
NEXT, RAVAGED SOCKS AND FOOD SCRAPS
LET'S DO AN EXPERIMENT FIRST, SHREDDED PAPER
NOW, WE SHALL ATTEMPT TO TRANSFER THIS JUNKYARD STEW
FINALLY, SOME OLD MOPWATER
RANDOM OBJECTS FROM THE TRASH


DON'T SAY I NEVER WARNED YOU!!
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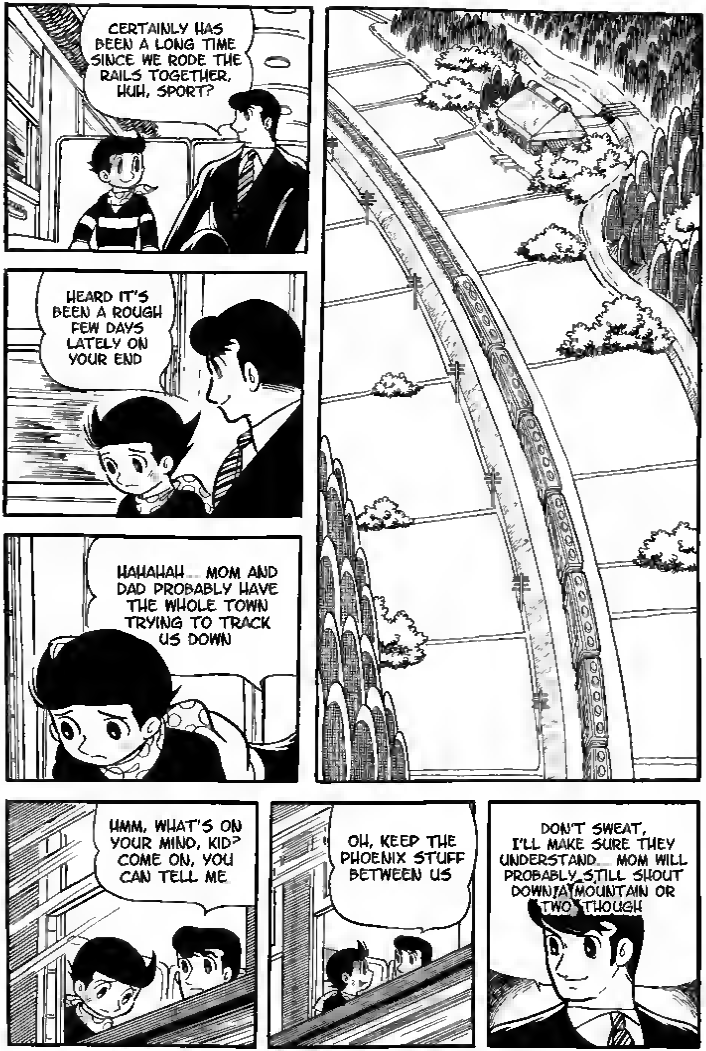
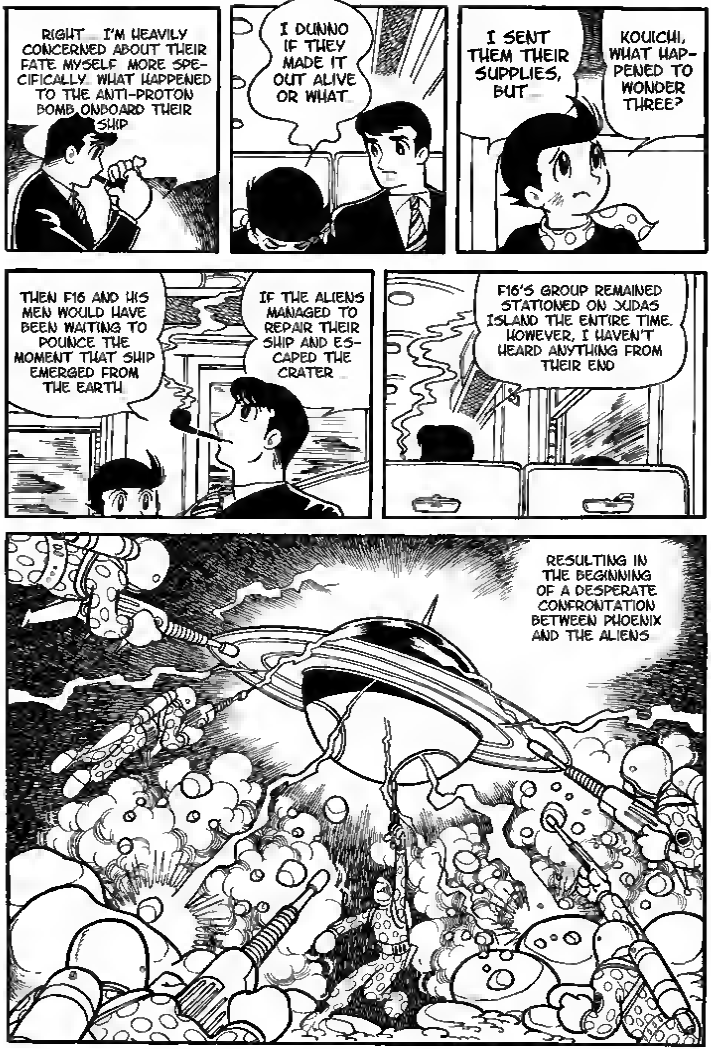
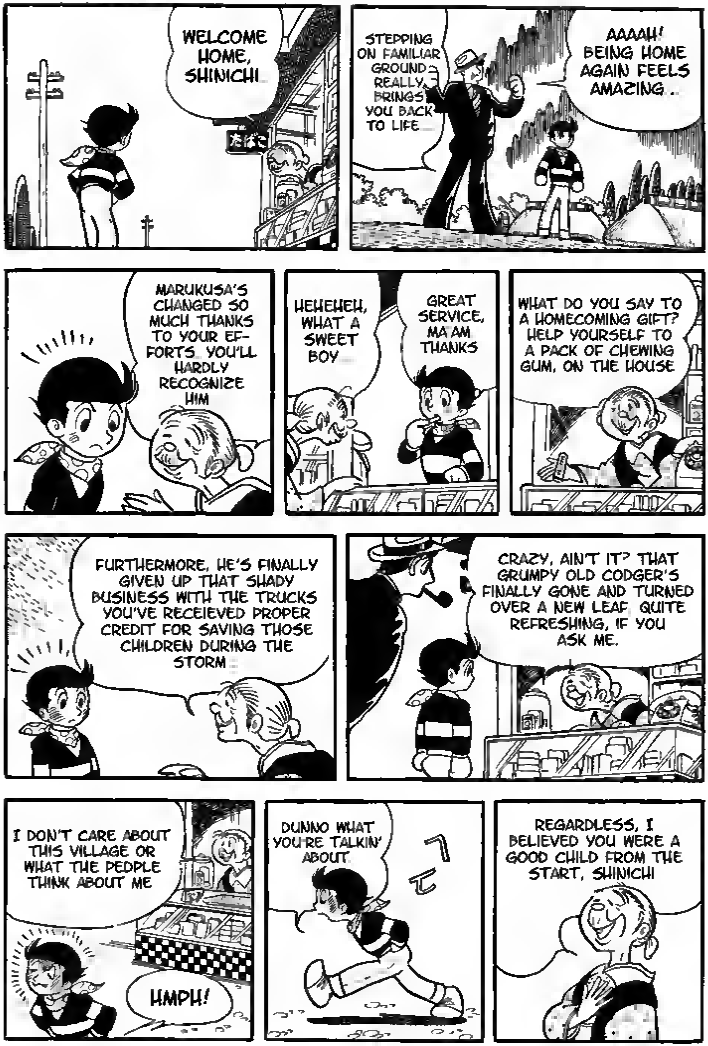
TAHAHAHA! TRANSFER OVER-LOAD, I SUPPOSE
RIDDLE ME THIS ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE A GENIUS OR A JACKASS!?
PRESENTED AS A SOLUTION FOR THE LANDFILLS AMASSING THROUGHOUT THE WORLD POLLUTION WOULD HIT AN ALL-TIME LOW!
SILENCE!! JAPAN ISN'T READY FOR A MACHINE SO SOPHISTICATED IN THE FIRST PLACE.
HOW COULD YOU HONESTLY TURN A SCIENTIFIC MARVEL INTO A GARBAGE DISPOSAL!?
HURRY ON BACK TO THE COUN-TRYSIDE
TRUST ME, YOUR FOLKS ARE PROBABLY WOR-RIED SICK ABOUT YOU BY NOW
PRECISELY! HARD-PRESSED TO FIND A GOOD MEAL IN TOKYO TO BEGIN WITH
SHINICHI YOU SHOULD HEAD BACK TO YOUR HOME NOW

I'M STILL QUITE TRAUMATIZED FROM LEARNING THAT ALIENS BROUGHT AN ANTI-MYOTON BOMB TO EARTH! HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO FOCUS IN CLASS WITH THAT ON MY MIND?
HMPH. SCHOOL IS THE LAST THING ON MY MIND RIGHT NOW.
MAKE SURE YOU KEEP UP ON YOUR ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL. THERE'S STILL ANOTHER THREE YEARS UNTIL YOU GRADUATE.
WHAT'S BEST FOR YOU IS ALWAYS MY TOP PRIORITY! PLEASE OBEY THE WISHES OF YOUR FORMER TEACHER
SHIN-ICHI!!
SHINICHI, YOU'VE GOT A GOOD HEAD ON YOUR SHOULDERS. KEEP A STIFF UPPER LIP, M'BOY! HEHEHEH
COME ALONG, I'LL SEE YOU OFF
GUESS I BETTER START PROWLING THE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR RELIEF FUNDS
WHAT ABOUT YOU, GOMOKU?


CERTAINLY HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE RODE THE RAILS TOGETHER, HUH, SPORT?
HEARD IT'S BEEN A ROUGH FEW DAYS LATELY ON YOUR END
HAHAHAH... MOM AND DAD PROBABLY HAVE THE WHOLE TOWN TRYING TO TRACK US DOWN
HMM, WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND, KID? COME ON, YOU CAN TELL ME
OH, KEEP THE PHOENIX STUFF BETWEEN US
DON'T SWEAT, I'LL MAKE SURE THEY UNDERSTAND... MOM WILL PROBABLY STILL SHOUT DOWN A MOUNTAIN OR TWO, THOUGH


RIGHT... I'M HEAVILY CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR FATE MYSELF. MORE SPECIFICALLY, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ANTI-PROTON BOMB ONBOARD THEIR SHIP
I DUNNO IF THEY MADE IT OUT ALIVE OR WHAT
I SENT THEM THEIR SUPPLIES, BUT...
KOUICHI, WHAT HAPPENED TO WONDER THREE?
THEN F16 AND HIS MEN WOULD HAVE BEEN WAITING TO POUNCE THE MOMENT THAT SHIP EMERGED FROM THE EARTH
IF THE ALIENS MANAGED TO REPAIR THEIR SHIP AND ESCAPED THE CRATER...
F16'S GROUP REMAINED STATIONED ON JUDAS ISLAND THE ENTIRE TIME. HOWEVER, I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING FROM THEIR END
RESULTING IN THE BEGINNING OF A DESPERATE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN PHOENIX AND THE ALIENS

DO YOU HAVE TAIYAKI?
PLEASANT DAY TO YOU GENTLEMEN! WOULD YOU CARE FOR ANY ICE-COLD JUICE OR COLA? PERHAPS AN ORANGE OR SOME SCRUMPTIOUS EGGS?
EVEN SO, I HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY UPDATES FROM HEADQUARTERS EITHER
ONE DAY, I HOPE YOU REALIZE THAT CLOWNING AROUND DOESN'T ACCOMPLISH A HECKUVALOT, BUDDY
HEHE-HEH...
KOGAWA STATION
WE'LL BE BACK IN KOGAWA
ONCE WE PASS THROUGH THIS TUNNEL...


WELCOME HOME, SHINICHI
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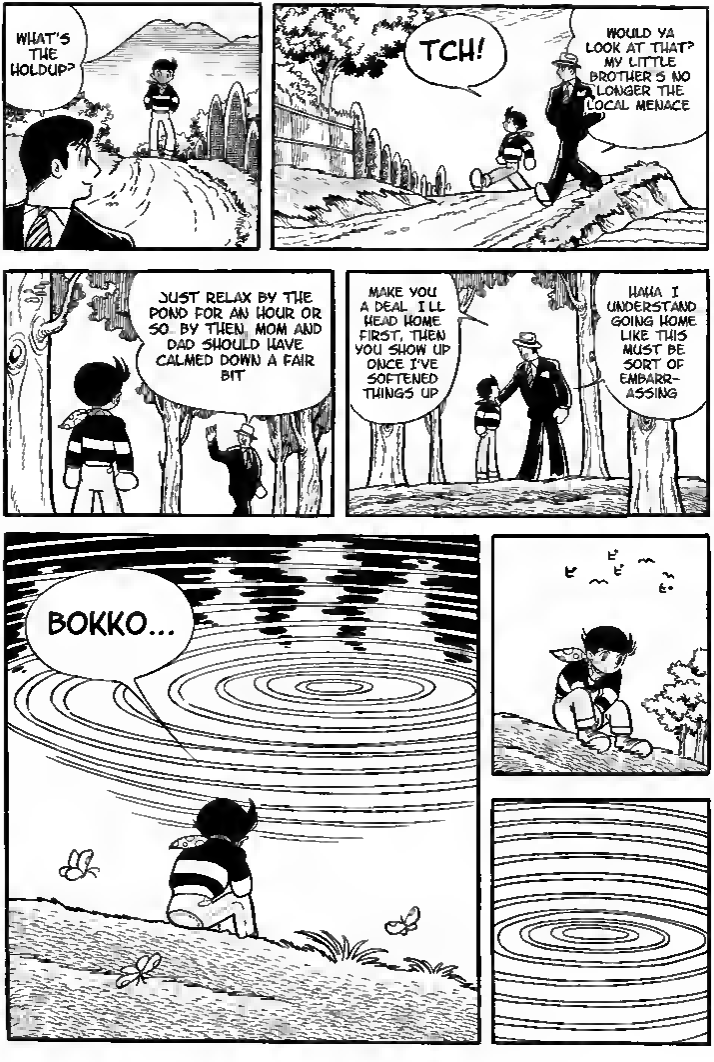
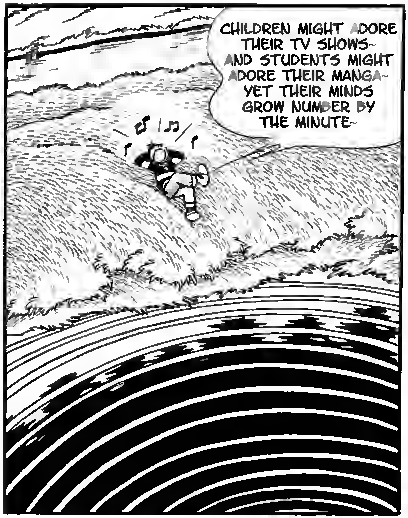
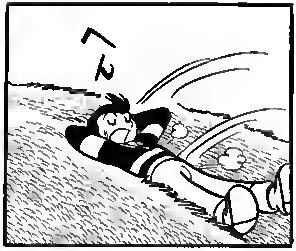
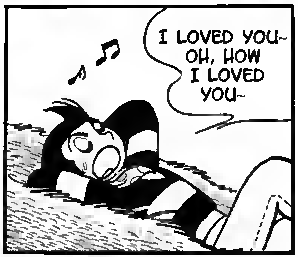
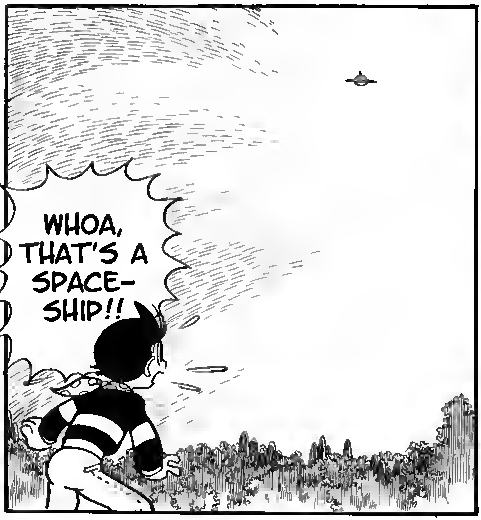
STEPPING ON FAMILIAR GROUND REALLY BRINGS YOU BACK TO LIFE
AAAAH! BEING HOME AGAIN FEELS AMAZING..
MARUKUSA'S CHANGED SO MUCH THANKS TO YOUR EFFORTS. YOU'LL HARDLY RECOGNIZE HIM
HEHEHEH, WHAT A SWEET BOY
GREAT SERVICE, MA'AM. THANKS
WHAT DO YOU SAY TO A HOMECOMING GIFT? HELP YOURSELF TO A PACK OF CHEWING GUM, ON THE HOUSE
FURTHERMORE, HE'S FINALLY GIVEN UP THAT SHADY BUSINESS WITH THE TRUCKS. YOU'VE RECEIVED PROPER CREDIT FOR SAVING THOSE CHILDREN DURING THE STORM
CRAZY, AIN'T IT? THAT GRUMPY OLD CODGER'S FINALLY GONE AND TURNED OVER A NEW LEAF. QUITE REFRESHING, IF YOU ASK ME.
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THIS VILLAGE OR WHAT THE PEOPLE THINK ABOUT ME
HMPH!
DUNNO WHAT YOU'RE TALKIN' ABOUT
REGARDLESS, I BELIEVED YOU WERE A GOOD CHILD FROM THE START, SHINICHI

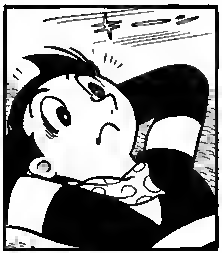

WHAT'S THE HOLDUP?
TCH!
WOULD YA LOOK AT THAT? MY LITTLE BROTHER'S NO LONGER THE LOCAL MENACE
JUST RELAX BY THE POND FOR AN HOUR OR SO. BY THEN, MOM AND DAD SHOULD HAVE CALMED DOWN A FAIR BIT
MAKE YOU A DEAL. I'LL HEAD HOME FIRST, THEN YOU SHOW UP ONCE I'VE SOFTENED THINGS UP
HAHA I UNDERSTAND GOING HOME LIKE THIS MUST BE SORT OF EMBARR-ASSING
BOKKO...

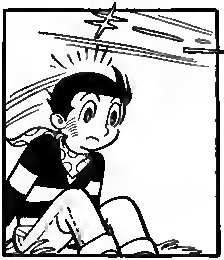

CHILDREN MIGHT ADORE THEIR TV SHOWS~
AND STUDENTS MIGHT ADORE THEIR MANGA~
YET THEIR MINDS GROW NUMBER BY THE MINUTE~

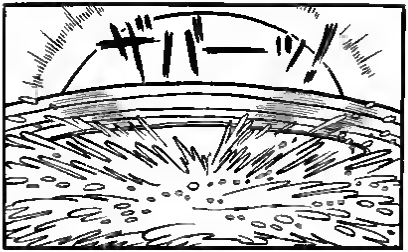



I LOVED YOU~
OH, HOW I LOVED YOU~


WHOA, THAT'S A SPACE-SHIP!!



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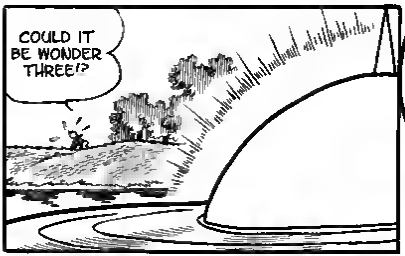
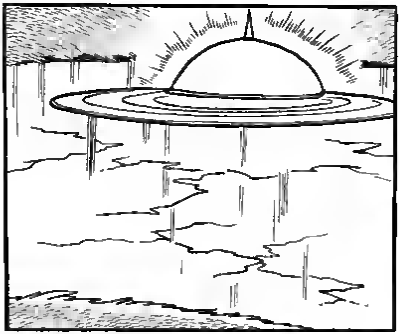
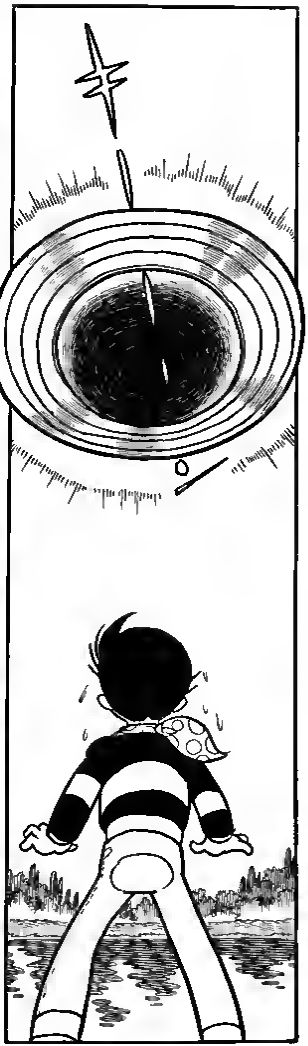
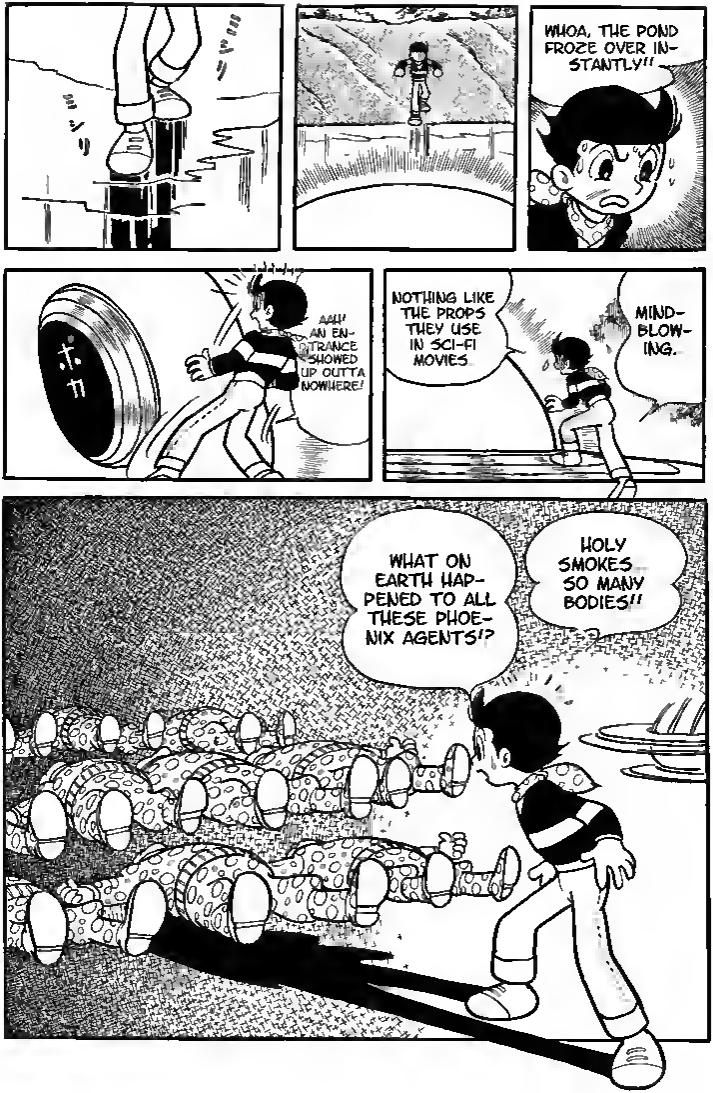
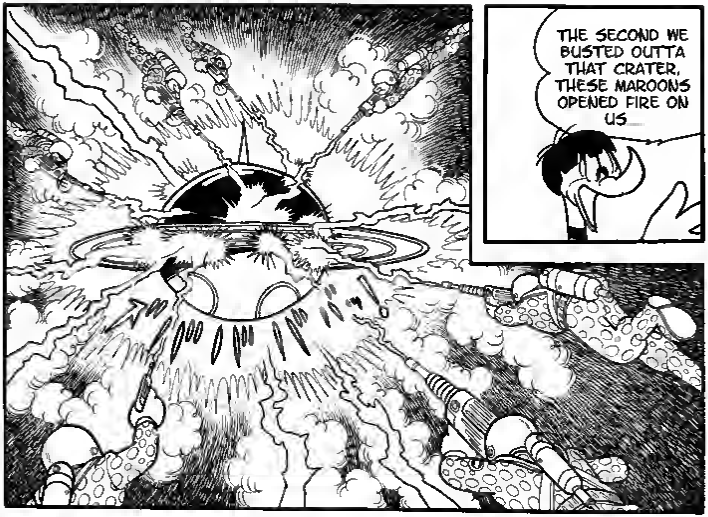

COULD IT BE WONDER THREE!?

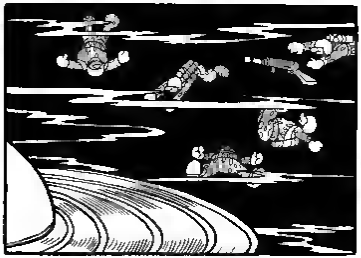


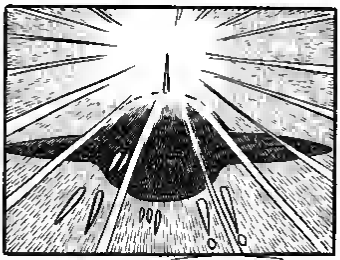



WHOA, THE POND FROZE OVER IN-STANTLY!!
AAH! AN EN-TRANCE SHOWED UP OUTTA NOWHERE!
NOTHING LIKE THE PROPS THEY USE IN SCI-FI MOVIES
MIND-BLOW-ING.
HOLY SMOKES SO MANY BODIES!!
WHAT ON EARTH HAP-PENED TO ALL THESE PHOE-NIX AGENTS!?

SHINICHI!!!
BOKKO!!
THERE YOU ARE, BOKKO!! PUKKO AND NOKKO TOO!!
QWEK!! SPARE US THE MUSHY STUFF, CAPTAIN!
RIGHT... WHO ELSE WOULD BE FLYING A SPACESHIP AROUND THE EARTH BUT YOU GUYS!?
TELL ME, WHAT HAPPENED TO THESE GUYS?
SHINICHI, WITHOUT YOU, WE NEVER WOULD HAVE MADE IT BACK TO THE SURFACE ALIVE

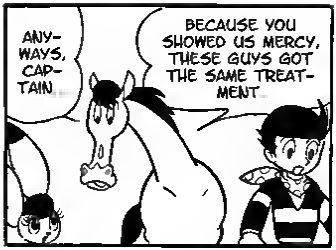

THE SECOND WE BUSTED OUTTA THAT CRATER, THESE MAROONS OPENED FIRE ON US...

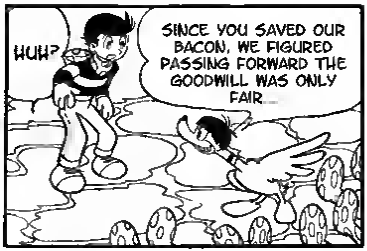


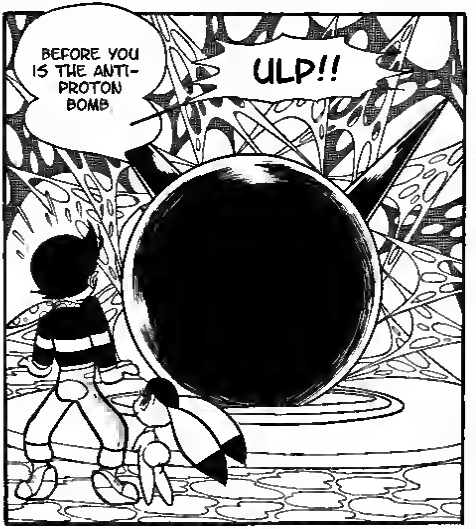


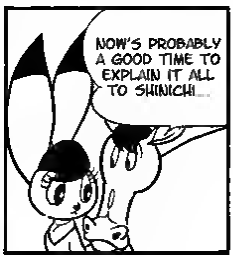
NO, SIMPLY UNCONSCIOUS ALSO. WE TOOK THE LIBERTY OF WIPING THEIR MEMORIES
WAIT, ARE THEY ALL DEAD!?

AFTER TAKING CARE OF 'EM, WE FELT IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO BRING THEM ALONG WITH US. SUCKED THEM INSIDE WITH OUR VACUUM ARM


ANY-WAYS, CAP-TAIN...
BECAUSE YOU SHOWED US MERCY, THESE GUYS GOT THE SAME TREAT-MENT...

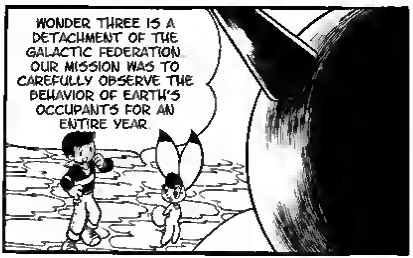

HUH?
SINCE YOU SAVED OUR BACON, WE FIGURED PASSING FORWARD THE GOODWILL WAS ONLY FAIR...

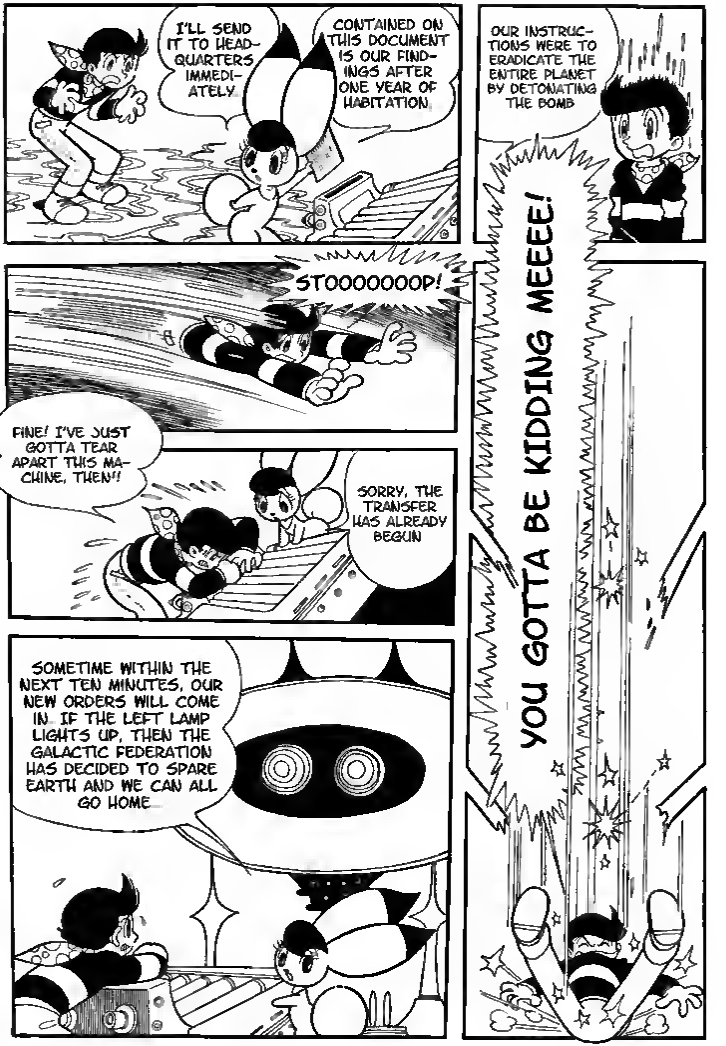

BEFORE YOU IS THE ANTI-PROTON BOMB
ULP!!

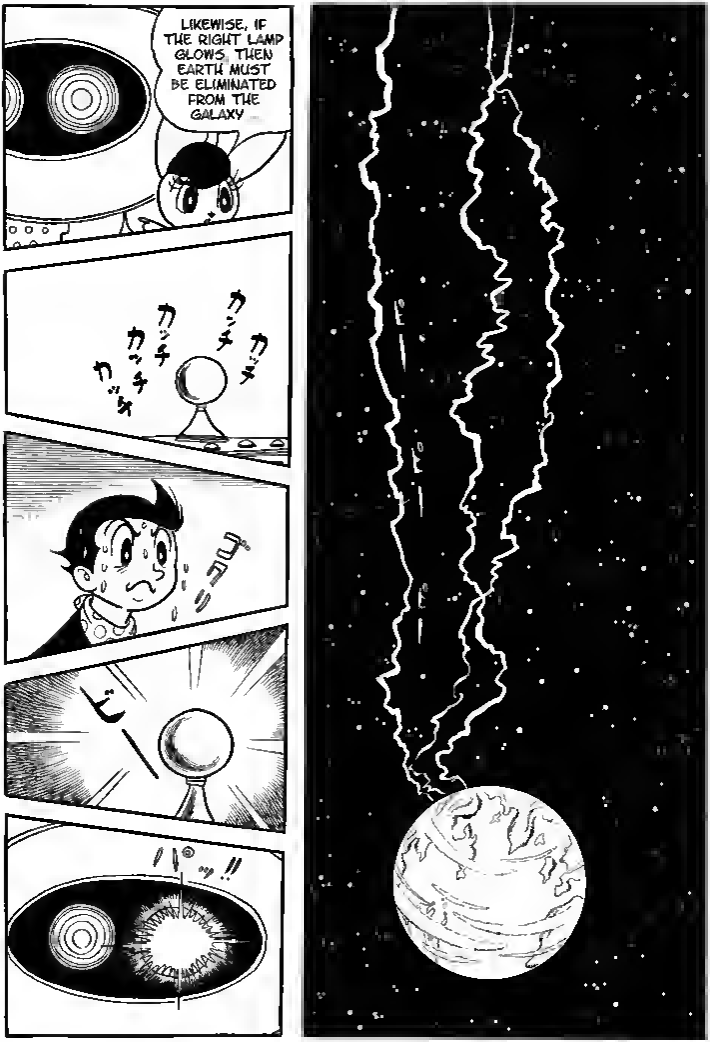

NOW'S PROBABLY A GOOD TIME TO EXPLAIN IT ALL TO SHINICHI...

WATCH CLOSELY, SHINICHI

IN THE EVENT WE DETERMINED EARTH EVIL BEYOND SALVATION...


WONDER THREE IS A DETACHMENT OF THE GALACTIC FEDERATION. OUR MISSION WAS TO CAREFULLY OBSERVE THE BEHAVIOR OF EARTH'S OCCUPANTS FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR.


I'LL SEND IT TO HEADQUARTERS IMMEDIATELY
CONTAINED ON THIS DOCUMENT IS OUR FINDINGS AFTER ONE YEAR OF HABITATION
OUR INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO ERADICATE THE ENTIRE PLANET BY DETONATING THE BOMB
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING MEEEE!
STOOOOOOOP!
FINE! I'VE JUST GOTTA TEAR APART THIS MACHINE, THEN!!
SORRY, THE TRANSFER HAS ALREADY BEGUN
SOMETIME WITHIN THE NEXT TEN MINUTES, OUR NEW ORDERS WILL COME IN. IF THE LEFT LAMP LIGHTS UP, THEN THE GALACTIC FEDERATION HAS DECIDED TO SPARE EARTH AND WE CAN ALL GO HOME


LIKEWISE, IF THE RIGHT LAMP GLOWS, THEN EARTH MUST BE ELIMINATED FROM THE GALAXY...
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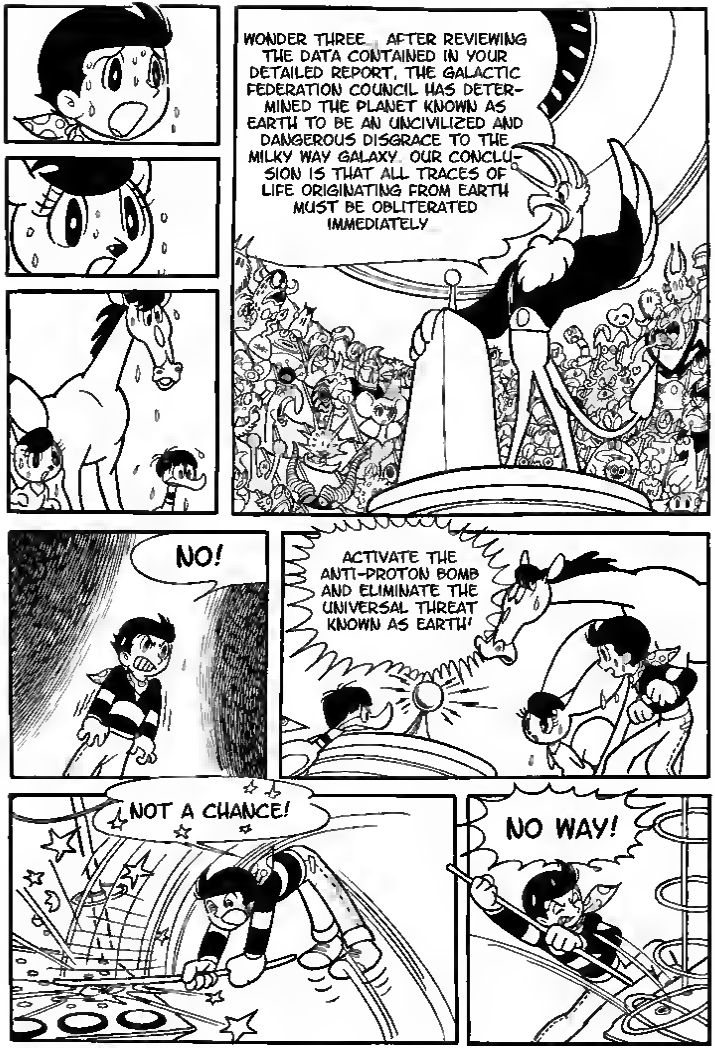
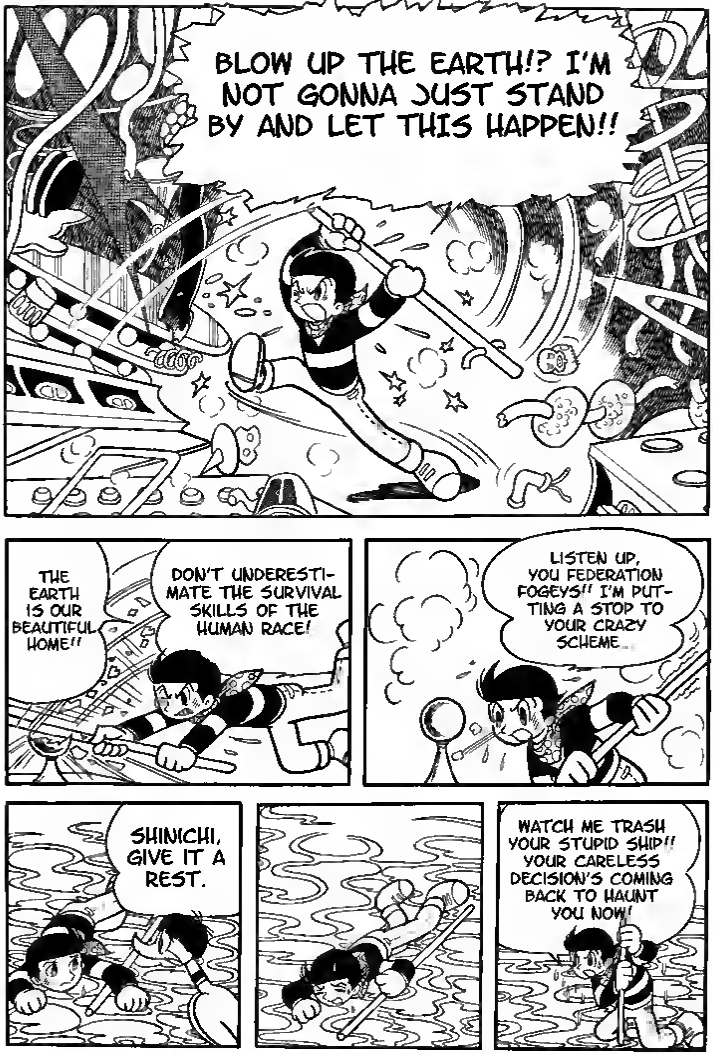
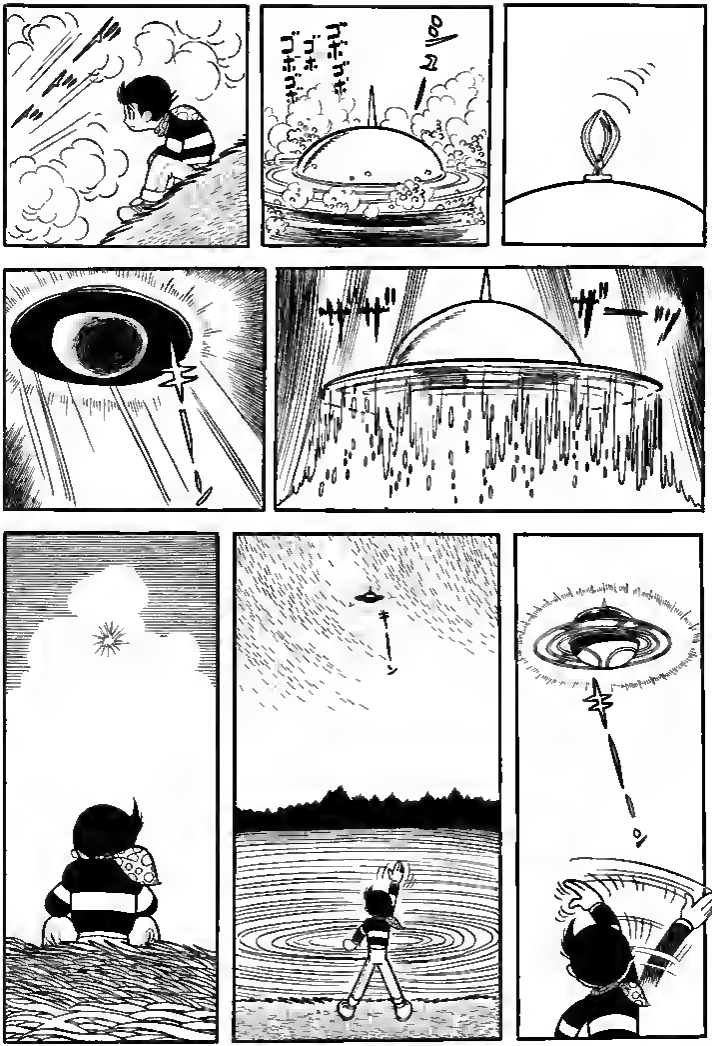

WONDER THREE... AFTER REVIEWING THE DATA CONTAINED IN YOUR DETAILED REPORT, THE GALACTIC FEDERATION COUNCIL HAS DETERMINED THE PLANET KNOWN AS EARTH TO BE AN UNCIVILIZED AND DANGEROUS DISGRACE TO THE MILKY WAY GALAXY. OUR CONCLUSION IS THAT ALL TRACES OF LIFE ORIGINATING FROM EARTH MUST BE OBLITERATED IMMEDIATELY
NO!
ACTIVATE THE ANTI-PROTON BOMB AND ELIMINATE THE UNIVERSAL THREAT KNOWN AS EARTH!
NOT A CHANCE!
NO WAY!


BLOW UP THE EARTH!? I'M NOT GONNA JUST STAND BY AND LET THIS HAPPEN!!
THE EARTH IS OUR BEAUTIFUL HOME!!
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE SURVIVAL SKILLS OF THE HUMAN RACE!
LISTEN UP, YOU FEDERATION FOGEYS!! I'M PUTTING A STOP TO YOUR CRAZY SCHEME...
SHINICHI, GIVE IT A REST.
WATCH ME TRASH YOUR STUPID SHIP!! YOUR CARELESS DECISION'S COMING BACK TO HAUNT YOU NOW!!

HUH!?
ALL OF US AGREED TO LEAVE EARTH ALONE AND HEAD BACK HOME.
EVEN THOUGH WE'VE BEEN ORDERED TO DEMOLISH THE PLANET,
JUST CALM DOWN AND LISTEN TO WHAT WE GOTTA SAY
AFTER WE TAKE OFF FROM EARTH... SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY, WE'LL DISPOSE OF THE ANTI-PROTON BOMB
NEARLY EVERY EARTHLING WE MET WAS ROTTEN TO THE CORE. HOWEVER, YOU ALWAYS MANAGED TO IMPRESS US WITH YOUR DEDICATION AND KINDNESS. WE JUST CAN'T BLOW UP A PLANET WITH YOU ON IT, SHINICHI!
W-WAIT. IF YOU DO THAT, THEN THE ENTIRE GALACTIC FEDERATION IS GONNA LABEL YOU AS TRAITORS!
YES. CONSIDER IT PAYBACK FOR ALL THE TIMES YOU'VE HELPED US...
FOR REAL!?
BEFORE WE LEAVE THERE'S ONE FINAL REQUEST FROM US
WHO KNOWS WHERE EXACTLY WE MIGHT END UP
CORRECT. ALL THREE OF US WILL BE TRIED FOR TREASON BY THE FEDERATION COURT. ODDS ARE WE'LL BE EXILED TO SOME HORRIBLE PLANET...

WHILE ALL OF HUMANITY HAS THAT BOMB ON THEIR MINDS, THERE WILL BE NO PLACE FOR WARS ON EARTH.
SIMPLY PRETEND THAT THE ANTI-PROTON BOMB IS STILL PLACED AT THE EARTH'S CORE
EVENTUALLY, ANOTHER SURVEY TEAM WILL BE SENT OUT TO EARTH TO INVESTIGATE THE CIRCUMSTANCES BEHIND OUR BETRAYAL AND RE-EVALUATE THE PLANET. DO YOUR BEST TO MAINTAIN PEACE ON EARTH.
SN-SNIFF, SHINICHI! TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF...
GUESS THIS IS FAREWELL, KID. GOOD LUCK TO YA
...GOOD-BYE...
IF YOU'RE EVER REINCARNATED AS A HUMAN, I'M SURE WE'LL BE CLOSE FRIENDS
I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE, BOKKO.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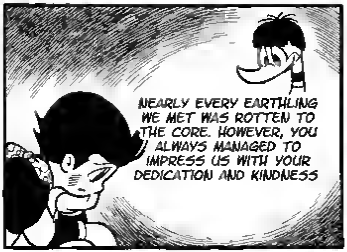
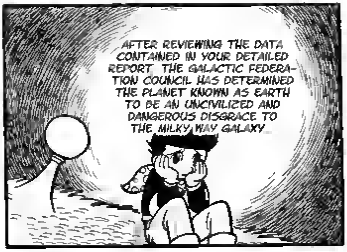
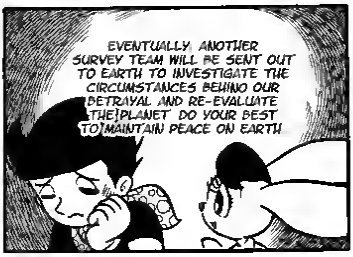
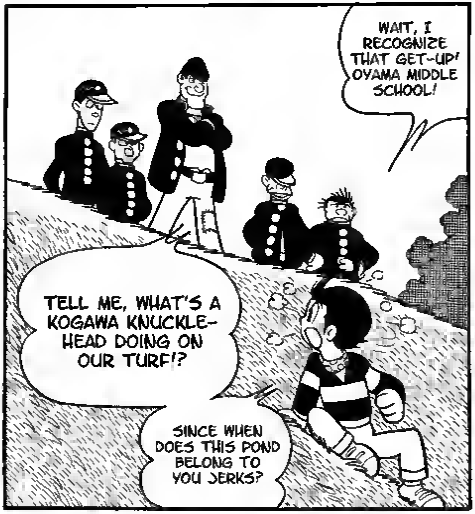

NEARLY EVERY EARTHLING WE MET WAS ROTTEN TO THE CORE. HOWEVER, YOU ALWAYS MANAGED TO IMPRESS US WITH YOUR DEDICATION AND KINDNESS


AFTER REVIEWING THE DATA CONTAINED IN YOUR DETAILED REPORT, THE GALACTIC FEDERATION COUNCIL HAS DETERMINED THE PLANET KNOWN AS EARTH TO BE AN UNCIVILIZED AND DANGEROUS DISGRACE TO THE MILKY WAY GALAXY.

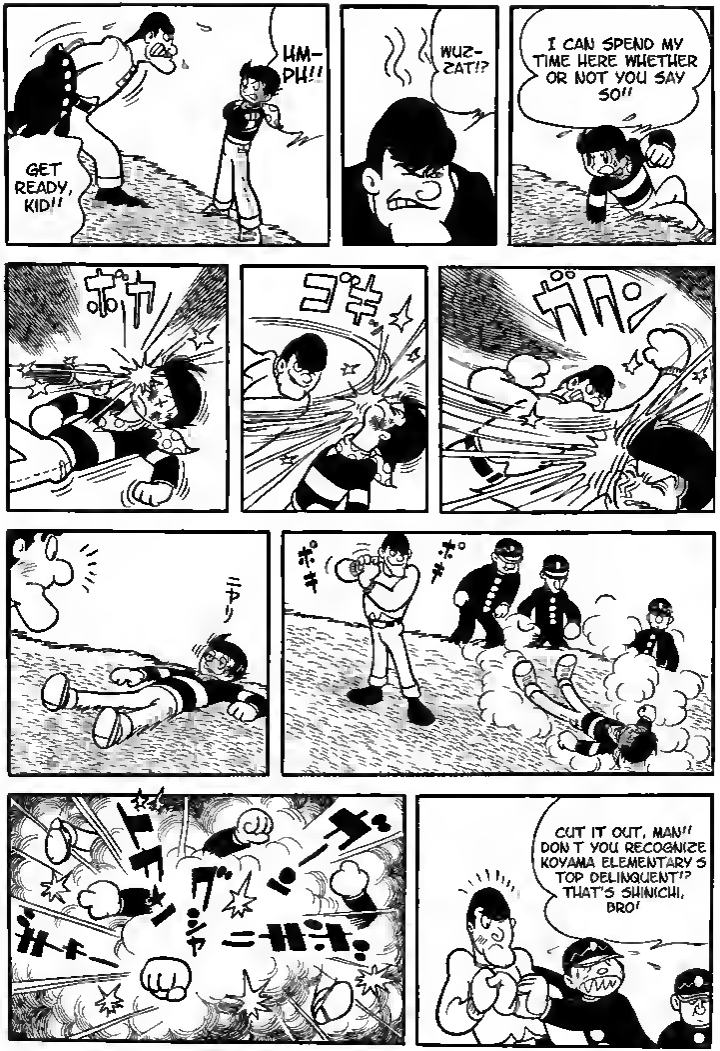
I'LL STOP THE FIGHTING AND HAVE EARTH GROW OUT OF IT'S PRIMITIVE, VIOLENT ATTITUDE!
BOKKO, YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!


EVENTUALLY, ANOTHER SURVEY TEAM WILL BE SENT OUT TO EARTH TO INVESTIGATE THE CIRCUMSTANCES BEHIND OUR BETRAYAL AND RE-EVALUATE THE PLANET. DO YOUR BEST TO MAINTAIN PEACE ON EARTH!


WAIT, I RECOGNIZE THAT GET-UP! OYAMA MIDDLE SCHOOL!
TELL ME, WHAT'S A KOGAWA KNUCKLE-HEAD DOING ON OUR TURF!?
SINCE WHEN DOES THIS POND BELONG TO YOU JERKS?

HEY, CHUMP.

FIND SOME-WHERE ELSE TO BE
GET LOST.


GET READY, KID!!
UM-PH!!
WUZ-ZAT!?
I CAN SPEND MY TIME HERE WHETHER OR NOT YOU SAY SO!!
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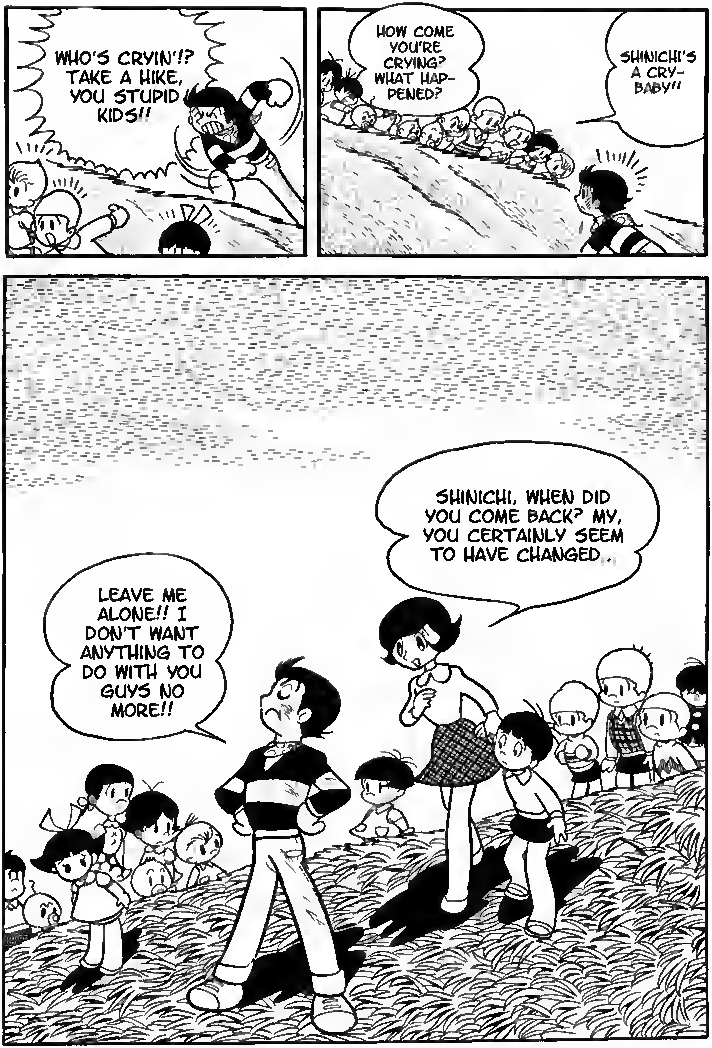
CUT IT OUT, MAN!! DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE KOYAMA ELEMENTARY'S TOP DELINQUENT!? THAT'S SHINICHI, BRO!

COOL OFF!
WELL, WELL, WELL SO YER SHINICHI? CHANGE OF PLANS WE'LL FINISH THIS TOMORROW MORNING AT SEVEN SHARP DON'T BE LATE, POWDER PUFF
...
HAHA, SHINICHI'S CRYING!


WHO'S CRYIN'!? TAKE A HIKE, YOU STUPID KIDS!!
HOW COME YOU'RE CRYING? WHAT HAPPENED?
SHINICHI'S A CRY-BABY!!
SHINICHI, WHEN DID YOU COME BACK? MY, YOU CERTAINLY SEEM TO HAVE CHANGED..
LEAVE ME ALONE!! I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU GUYS NO MORE!!

WHERE?
LOOK A FLYING SAUCER!!
SHINICHI.. WHAT HAPPENED?
HOW COULD YOU HONESTLY SAY THAT!?
I'M NOT SURE WHAT'S UPSET YOU SO MUCH, BUT PLEASE SNAP OUT OF IT
WHO WOULD BE GULLIBLE ENOUGH TO BELIEVE SUCH A TALL TALE?
NOT EVEN TEN MINUTES AGO, A SPACESHIP WENT FWOOOMH AND TOUCHED DOWN ON THIS VERY POND! AFTERWARDS, IT TOOK OFF WITH A ZWOOOOM! WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT!? BETCHA THINK I'M FULL OF IT!!
W-WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE!?
AAH!
WHOA, WHAT'S POKING OUT OF THAT BUSH?
MOM AND DAD ARE PURRING LIKE PUSSYCATS NOW'S THE PERFECT TIME TO MAKE YOUR ENTRANCE!
KOUICHI!
AHOY, SHINICHI!

SHINICHI, I'M NOT ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN, BUT IT APPEARS THE ALIENS DROPPED OFF ALL THE PHOENIX MEMBERS FROM JUDAS ISLAND AT THIS LAKE.
F16, IS THAT YOU!?
GASP!!
HMM NOT SUR-PRISING...
YEAH, PHOENIX GOT TOTALLY WIPED OUT BY WONDER THREE...
WAIT THEY WERE HERE!?
HIT THE NAIL RIGHT ON THE HEAD, KOUICHI!
EXCELLENT!! DOES THAT MEAN THEY TOOK THE ANTI-PROTON BOMB WITH THEM? WELL, SPORT?
WE SAID OUR FAREWELLS, THEN THEY DECIDED TO RETURN WHERE THEY BELONG...
WONDER THREE STOPPED BY BEFORE HEADING HOME...
DON'T FORGET WHAT YOU PROMISED BOKKO!
SHINICHI!! ALLS YA GOTTA DO IS TELL A LITTLE WHITE LIE!!
TH-THE ANTI-PROTON BOMB UHH...
UMM...

WHAT!? HOW COULD THEY!?
WONDER THREE L-LEFT IT THERE BEFORE GOING HOME!
R-RIGHT, THE B-BOMB'S STILL T-TRAPPED AT THE EARTH'S CORE...
YOU MADE A PROMISE WITH BOKKO!!
TELLING THE TRUTH'S FORBIDDEN!!
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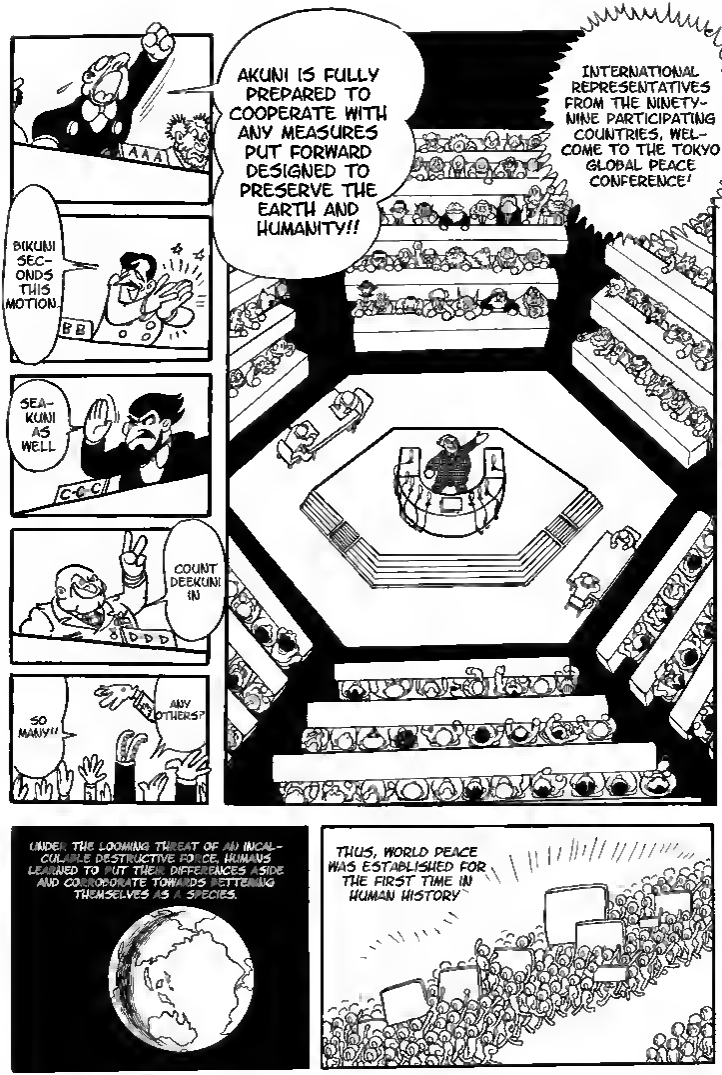
THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THEY MIGHT WIND UP.
ONCE THE GALACTIC FEDERATION FINDS OUT, WONDER THREE'S GONNA BE EXILED TO SOME HORRIBLE PLANET...
NO, THAT'S ALL A STUPID STORY I MADE UP! WONDER THREE DEFIED THEIR ORDERS BY TAKING THE BOMB WITH THEM! NOW THEY'RE TRAITORS TO THE ENTIRE GALAXY, BUT THEY STILL CHOSE TO SPARE US...
BOKKO AND NOKKO WERE SUCH NICE PEOPLE. THEY DON'T DESERVE TO BE SHIPPED OFF TO THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE!!

THAT I WOULD PRETEND LIKE THE ANTI-PROTON BOMB WAS STILL BURIED IN THE PLANET'S CORE TO PREVENT WAR FROM BREAKING OUT EARTH EVER AGAIN.
BEFORE SHE LEFT, BOKKO MADE ME PROMISE...
...
I UNDERSTAND WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM, SHINICHI
ALRIGHT, SHINICHI! TOGETHER WE'LL INFORM ALL THE MAJOR NEWSPAPER AND TELEVISION COMPANIES AROUND THE WORLD!
TIME TO SPREAD THE NEWS GLOBALLY!!
HOW WONDERFUL!!
IN THAT CASE COUNTRIES WOULD BE FAR TOO CONCERNED ABOUT THE BOMB TO WAGE WAR
HMMM, I SEE NOW...
WHAHAHA-HAHAHA!!
KOU-ICHI ..
DON'T WORRY, LET'S JUST KEEP THE FACT THAT IT'S A LIE BETWEEN US BROTHERS
WHAT'S WITH THE LONG FACE? SOON, THE WORLD WILL FINALLY KNOW TRUE PEACE!!

TONIGHT, A BREAKING STORY, LIVE FROM THE NHK NEWS-ROOM!!
NHK ニュース
EXACTLY HOW MUCH DESTRUC-TIVE POWER DOES THIS A-ANTI-PROTON BOMB POSSESS ?
LODGED FIRMLY AT THE CENTER OF THE EARTH
C.C.C.M
NANJA-MONJA! MOGA-MOGA, GONU!
N.B.C.
THE ALIENS HAVE RETREATED FROM EARTH
SPECIAL NEWS
WE HAVE AN EYE-WITNESS REPORT FROM ONE HOSHI KOUICHI, A JAPA-NESE MANGA ARTIST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AKUNI IS FULLY PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH ANY MEASURES PUT FORWARD DESIGNED TO PRESERVE THE EARTH AND HUMANITY!!
INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE NINETY-NINE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, WELCOME TO THE TOKYO GLOBAL PEACE CONFERENCE!
BIKUNI SECONDS THIS MOTION.
BB
SEA-KUNI AS WELL
C-C-C!
COUNT DEEKUNI IN
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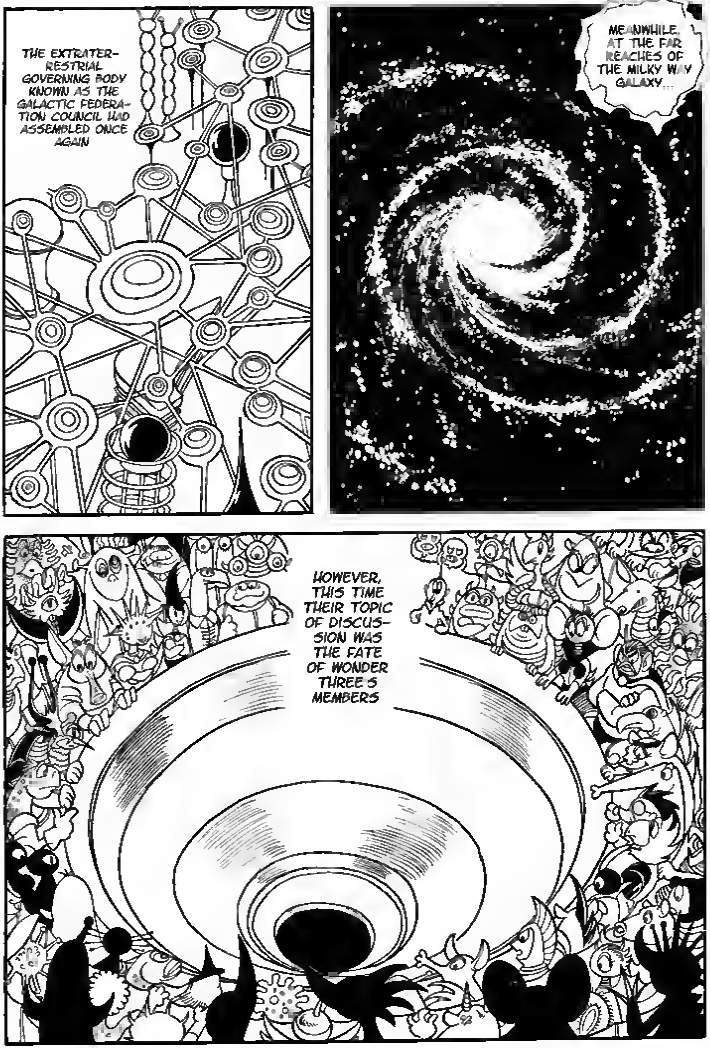
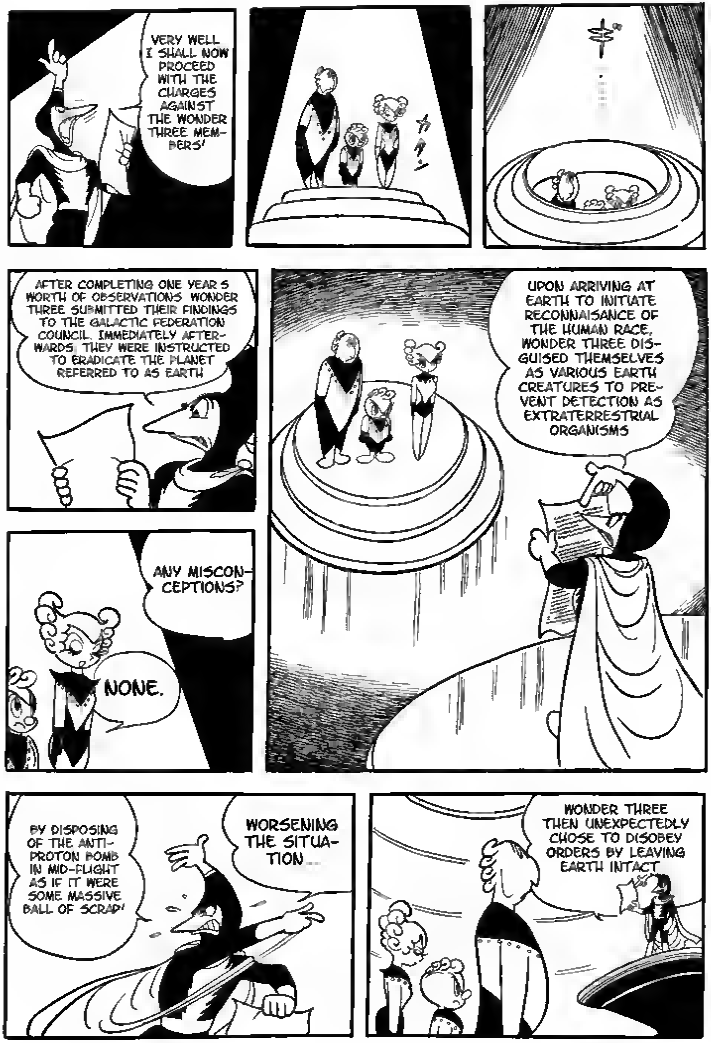
SO MANY!!!
ANY OTHERS?
UNDER THE LOOMING THREAT OF AN INCALCULABLE DESTRUCTIVE FORCE, HUMANS LEARNED TO PUT THEIR DIFFERENCES ASIDE AND COOPERATE TOWARDS BETTERING THEMSELVES AS A SPECIES.
THUS, WORLD PEACE WAS ESTABLISHED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HUMAN HISTORY


THE EXTRATERRESTRIAL GOVERNING BODY KNOWN AS THE GALACTIC FEDERATION COUNCIL HAD ASSEMBLED ONCE AGAIN
MEANWHILE, AT THE FAR REACHES OF THE MILKY WAY GALAXY...
HOWEVER, THIS TIME THEIR TOPIC OF DISCUSSION WAS THE FATE OF WONDER THREE'S MEMBERS


VERY WELL I SHALL NOW PROCEED WITH THE CHARGES AGAINST THE WONDER THREE MEMBERS!
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AFTER COMPLETING ONE YEAR'S WORTH OF OBSERVATIONS WONDER THREE SUBMITTED THEIR FINDINGS TO THE GALACTIC FEDERATION COUNCIL. IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS THEY WERE INSTRUCTED TO ERADICATE THE PLANET REFERRED TO AS EARTH
UPON ARRIVING AT EARTH TO INITIATE RECONNAISANCE OF THE HUMAN RACE, WONDER THREE DISGUISED THEMSELVES AS VARIOUS EARTH CREATURES TO PREVENT DETECTION AS EXTRATERRESTRIAL ORGANISMS
ANY MISCONCEPTIONS?
NONE.
BY DISPOSING OF THE ANTI-PROTON BOMB IN MID-FLIGHT AS IF IT WERE SOME MASSIVE BALL OF SCRAP!
WORSENING THE SITUATION...
WONDER THREE THEN UNEXPECTEDLY CHOSE TO DISOBEY ORDERS BY LEAVING EARTH INTACT

BUT WE TESTIFY EARTH DOESN'T DESERVE ANNIHILATION!
I WILL NOT DENY THAT WE DISOBEYED ORDERS
WHAT IS YOUR JUSTIFICATION BEHIND THESE ACTIONS?
PRODUCTIVE!? HOW!?
WHAT OUTRAGEOUS CLAIMS!!
HAVE YOU THREE LOST YOUR MINDS!?
ALTHOUGH HUMANS REMAIN UNDEVELOPED, WE SEE MASSIVE POTENTIAL AS A PRODUCTIVE SPECIES LYING DORMANT WITHIN.
THAT DOES NOT OUTWEIGH TREASON!!
SURE DID.
ALL OF US BELIEVE IN HUMANITY!! TOGETHER, WE SPENT A REMARKABLE TIME WITH AN ELEGANT HUMAN CHILD!
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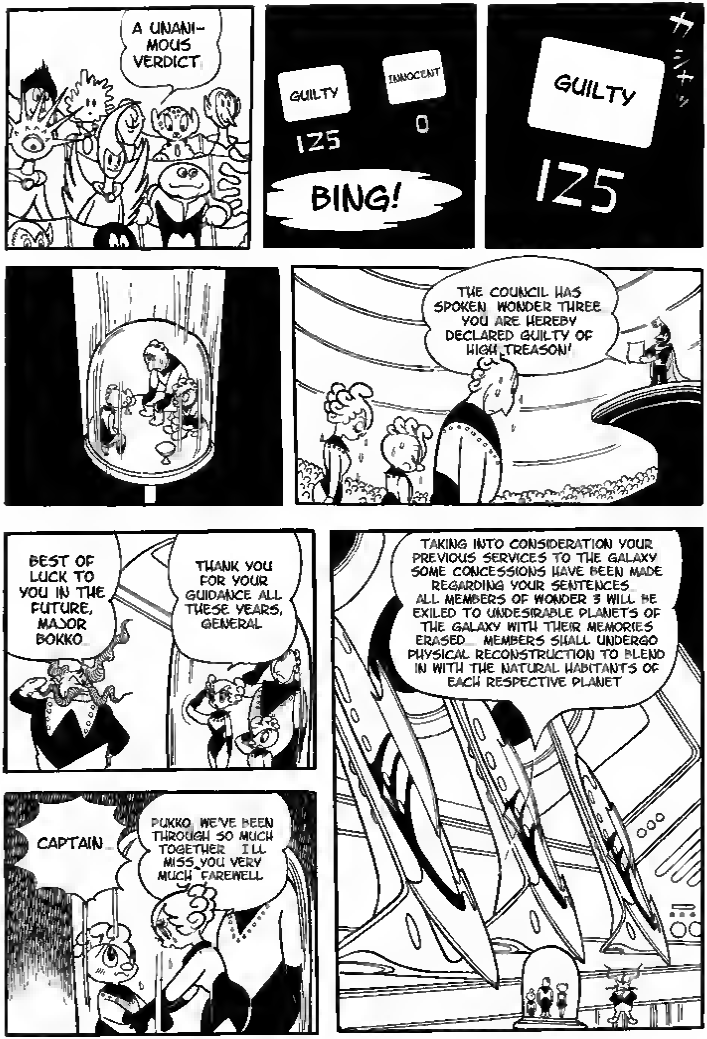
WONDER THREE GUILTY OR INNOCENT!?
DECIDE THEIR FATE, COUNCILMEN!


A UNANIMOUS VERDICT
GUILTY
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INNOCENT
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BING!
GUILTY
125
THE COUNCIL HAS SPOKEN WONDER THREE YOU ARE HEREBY DECLARED GUILTY OF HIGH TREASON!
BEST OF LUCK TO YOU IN THE FUTURE, MAJOR BOKKO
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GUIDANCE ALL THESE YEARS, GENERAL
CAPTAIN
PUKKO WE'VE BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH TOGETHER I'LL MISS YOU VERY MUCH FAREWELL
TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION YOUR PREVIOUS SERVICES TO THE GALAXY SOME CONCESSIONS HAVE BEEN MADE REGARDING YOUR SENTENCES ALL MEMBERS OF WONDER 3 WILL BE EXILED TO UNDESIRABLE PLANETS OF THE GALAXY WITH THEIR MEMORIES ERASED MEMBERS SHALL UNDERGO PHYSICAL RECONSTRUCTION TO BLEND IN WITH THE NATURAL HABITANTS OF EACH RESPECTIVE PLANET

I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY, PUKKO
FOR THE LONGEST TIME I'VE BEEN CRAZY IN LOVE WITH YA, CAPTAIN... BUT TO ME YOU WERE LIKE SOME KINDA SACRED BEING... I MEAN... CRAP
OF COURSE
B-BEFORE WE GO... CAN I SAY JUST ONE LAST THING?
WHAT SPECIES HAVE YOU CHOSEN TO BECOME?
MIGHT I SUGGEST THE PLEASANT INHABITANTS OF ANTARES-27? OR PERHAPS THE FROGLINGS OF REGULUS-15?
PLEASE CHANGE ME INTO A HUMAN BEING.
CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'D WANT TO LOOK LIKE A SAVAGE MONKEY
BUT THIS ISN'T MY CHOICE.
JUST SO YOU KNOW, ONCE YOU COMMIT TO A CHOICE, I CAN'T REVERSE THE PROCESS
YES.
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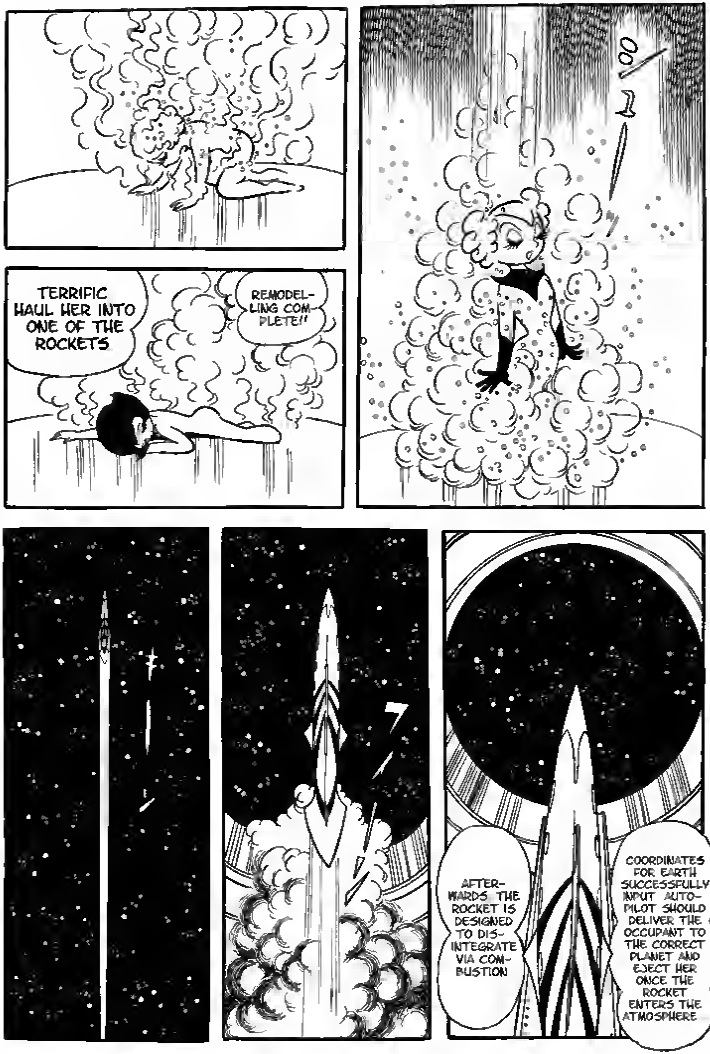
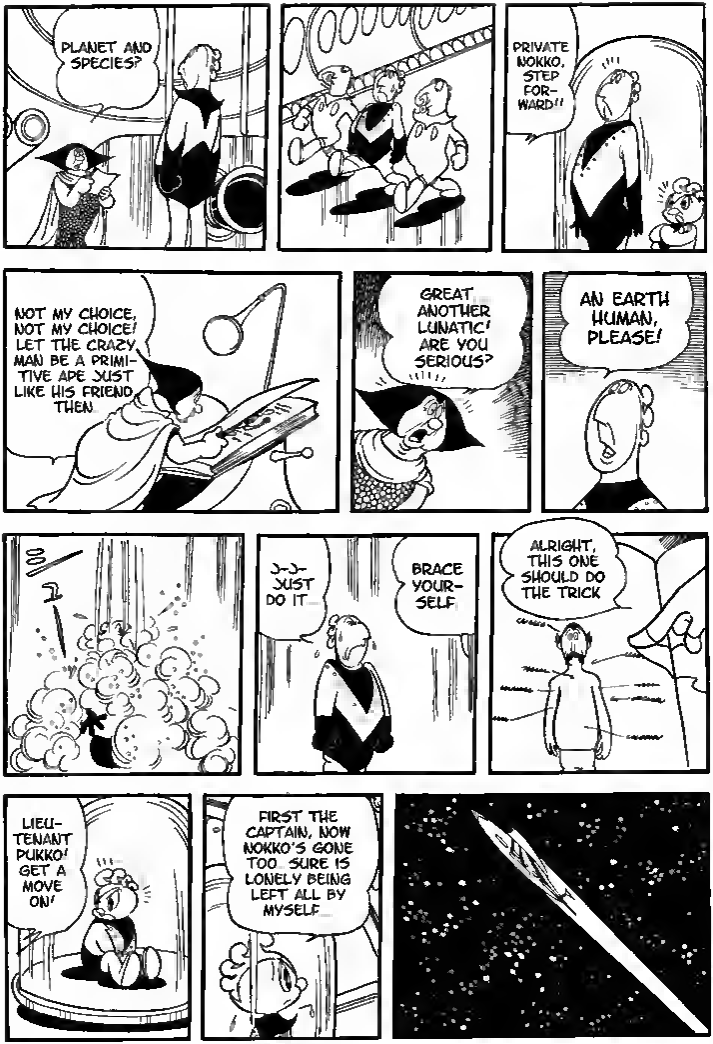
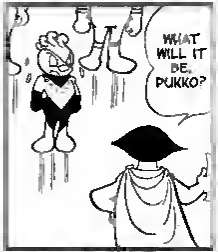
THIS CHILD TEMPLATE SEEMS COMPATIBLE.
HMM, FEMALE EARTHLING SAMPLES... I KNOW THEY'RE SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE... AH! THERE WE ARE.

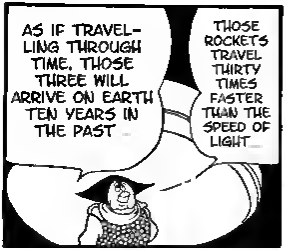

TERRIFIC HAUL HER INTO ONE OF THE ROCKETS
REMODELLING COMPLETE!!
AFTERWARDS THE ROCKET IS DESIGNED TO DISINTEGRATE VIA COMBUSTION
COORDINATES FOR EARTH SUCCESSFULLY INPUT AUTOPILOT SHOULD DELIVER THE OCCUPANT TO THE CORRECT PLANET AND EJECT HER ONCE THE ROCKET ENTERS THE ATMOSPHERE


PLANET AND SPECIES?
PRIVATE NOKKO, STEP FOR-WARD!!
NOT MY CHOICE, NOT MY CHOICE! LET THE CRAZY MAN BE A PRIMI-TIVE APE JUST LIKE HIS FRIEND THEN
GREAT ANOTHER LUNATIC! ARE YOU SERIOUS?
AN EARTH HUMAN, PLEASE!
J-J-JUST DO IT
BRACE YOUR-SELF
ALRIGHT, THIS ONE SHOULD DO THE TRICK
LIEU-TENANT PUKKO! GET A MOVE ON!
FIRST THE CAPTAIN, NOW NOKKO'S GONE TOO SURE IS LONELY BEING LEFT ALL BY MYSELF

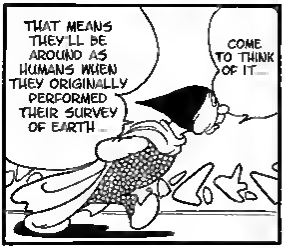
WHAT!?
ALL THREE OF YOU? WHAT ARE THE ODDS?

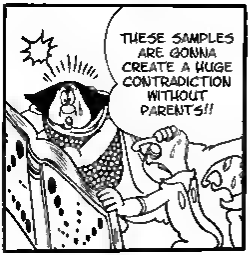
AS HORRIBLY UNDEVELOPED AS THEY ARE I CAN'T THINK OF ANY REASON WHY I SHOULDN'T BECOME A HUMAN
DON'T JUDGE ME FOR MY DECISION


WHAT WILL IT BE, PUKKO?


AS IF TRAVELLING THROUGH TIME, THOSE THREE WILL ARRIVE ON EARTH TEN YEARS IN THE PAST...
THOSE ROCKETS TRAVEL THIRTY TIMES FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF LIGHT...

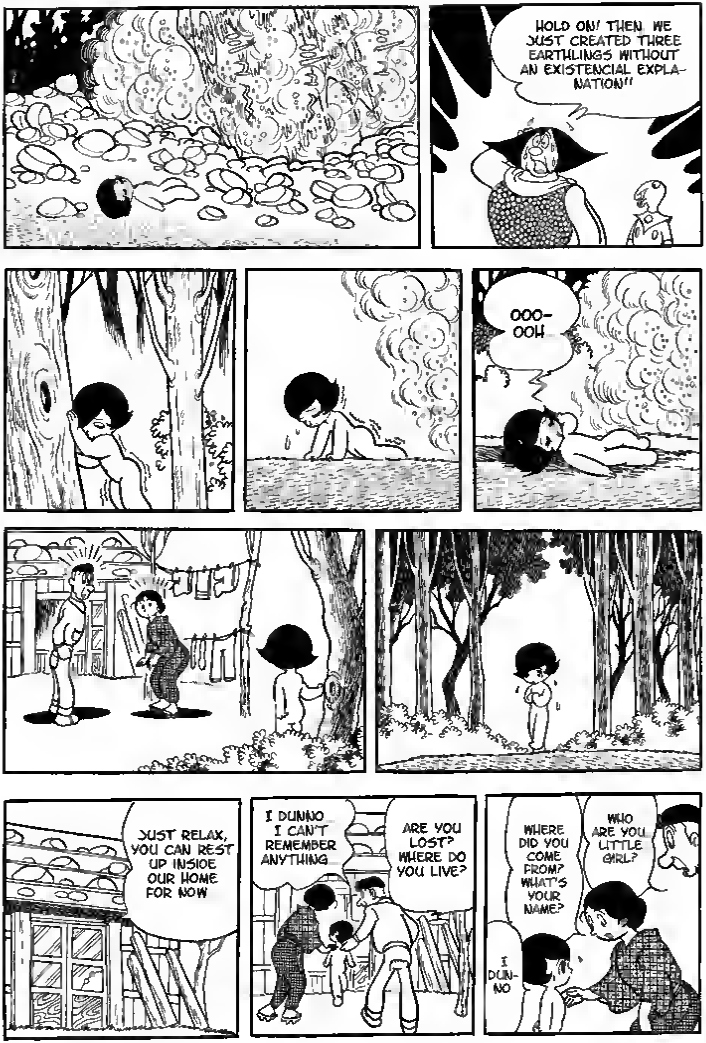
FOLLOWING THEIR EXILE, ALL THREE MEMBERS OF WONDER THREE CHOSE TO LIVE AS HUMAN BEINGS ON THE PLANET EARTH...


THAT MEANS THEY'LL BE AROUND AS HUMANS WHEN THEY ORIGINALLY PERFORMED THEIR SURVEY OF EARTH...
COME TO THINK OF IT...

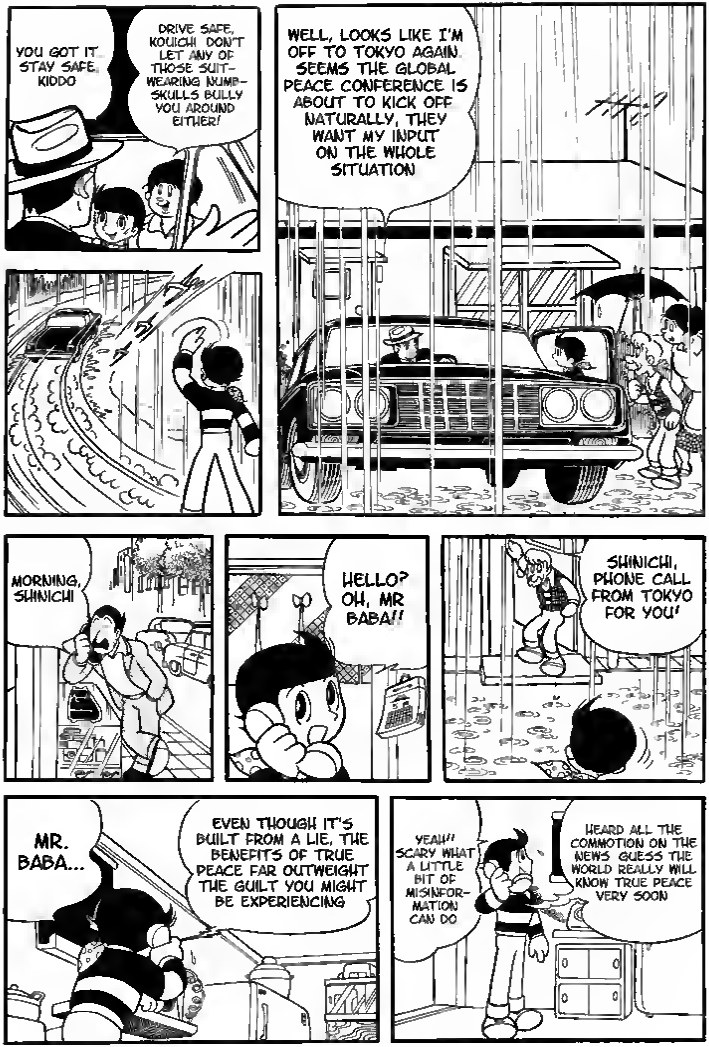

THESE SAMPLES ARE GONNA CREATE A HUGE CONTRADICTION WITHOUT PARENTS!!

WELL, YOU SEE, A HUMAN IS SUPPOSED TO BE BIRTHED FROM ITS MOTHER'S WOMB

WE'VE MADE A CRITICAL ERROR!!


HOLD ON! THEN WE JUST CREATED THREE EARTHLINGS WITHOUT AN EXISTENCIAL EXPLANATION!!
OOO-OOH
JUST RELAX, YOU CAN REST UP INSIDE OUR HOME FOR NOW
I DUNNO I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING
ARE YOU LOST? WHERE DO YOU LIVE?
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM? WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
WHO ARE YOU LITTLE GIRL?
I DUN-NO

ONE THING'S FOR CERTAIN I NEED SOME CLOTHES
GOOD HEAVENS, WHERE IN THE BLAZES AM I?
A THIEF! HE STOLE MY UNDERWEAR!!
SORRY, PEOPLE
MR. BABA WENT ON TO BECOME A TEACHER AT KOGAWA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. WHILE KANOKO GREW UP AS SHINICHI'S CLOSEST FRIEND. THROUGH A TWIST OF FATE OF GALACTIC PROPORTIONS, NOKKO AND BOKKO BOTH GREW UP VERY CLOSE TO SHINICHI.
TEN YEARS LATER...


YOU GOT IT. STAY SAFE, KIDDO
DRIVE SAFE, KOUICHI! DON'T LET ANY OF THOSE SUIT-WEARING NUMB-SKULLS BULLY YOU AROUND EITHER!
WELL, LOOKS LIKE I'M OFF TO TOKYO AGAIN. SEEMS THE GLOBAL PEACE CONFERENCE IS ABOUT TO KICK OFF NATURALLY, THEY WANT MY INPUT ON THE WHOLE SITUATION
MORNING, SHINICHI!
HELLO? OH, MR BABA!!
SHINICHI, PHONE CALL FROM TOKYO FOR YOU!
MR. BABA...
EVEN THOUGH IT'S BUILT FROM A LIE, THE BENEFITS OF TRUE PEACE FAR OUTWEIGHT THE GUILT YOU MIGHT BE EXPERIENCING
YEAH!! SCARY WHAT A LITTLE BIT OF MISINFOR-MATION CAN DO
HEARD ALL THE COMMOTION ON THE NEWS. GUESS THE WORLD REALLY WILL KNOW TRUE PEACE VERY SOON

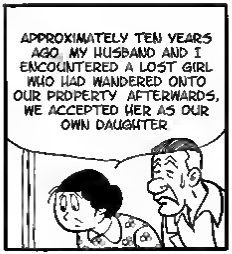
SHOCK THERAPY APPEARS TO BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE REMEDY TO SOLVING HUMANITY'S FAULTS PRESSURE UNDER LOOMING DANGER FORCES MOST MEN DOCILE
SHINICHI, BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY THIS. YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CURRENT STATE OF THE WORLD ARE SIMPLY INCREDIBLE. TRY NOT TO FEEL DEPRESSED
IT'S ALREADY SEVEN!!
AH!
AND YOU WERE THE PERSON WHO DEVELOPED THIS MASSIVE REMEDY
I'M SUPER-DUPER LAAAATE!!
TALK TO YA LATER, MR BABA!
SHIN-ICHI!!
THOSE OYAMA PUNKS ARE GONNA FLIP OUT NOW THAT I'M LATE TO THE BRAWL DOWN BY THE POND!!
CRAP, I'M LATE

AHAHHH! AUGHH! HUFF! MMNGH!
HAHH. NMPH!
NOW FORTY
CRAP... ALREADY THIRTY MINUTES PAST SEVEN...
AGH!!

SCRAM, BOYS!!
KANOKO, SAY SOMETHING! WHY THE HECK ARE YOU DRESSED UP LIKE ME IN THE FIRST PLACE!?
KANOKO!!
I DON'T LIKE SEEING YOU GET HURT, SHINICHI
YOU GOT A SCREW LOOSE OR SOMETHING? WHY WOULD YOU FIGHT FOR ME!?
MY LITTLE BROTHER TOLD ME YOU WERE SCHEDULED TO FIGHT HERE AT SEVEN IN THE MORNING...
NO! KANOKO, STAY WITH ME!
EVEN THOUGH GETTING BEAT UP WAS REALLY PAINFUL, I HAD TO MAINTAIN YOUR REPUTATION. THANKFULLY, YOU SHOWED UP WHEN YOU DID.

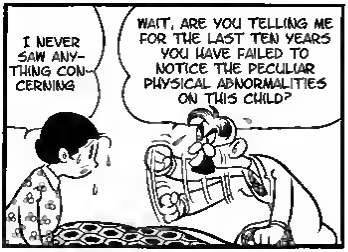
HM?
ALTHOUGH SHE'S SUFFED SEVERAL BLOWS TO THE HEAD, I DON'T SEE ANY REASON FOR IMMEDIATE HOSPITALIZATION
OBSERVE. HER STOMACH IS REMARKABLY SIMILAR IN TEXTURE TO A FROG'S. MORE DISTURBINGLY, SHE HAS NO NAVEL.
A-A-ABNORMAL?
GASP!
FOLKS I'M AFRAID TO ADMIT THERE IS SOMETHING ABNORMAL WITH YOUR DAUGHTER'S PHYSIQUE!!
DON'T PLAY THAT GAME, MADAM! ANY RESPECTABLE MOTHER KNOWS THE EXACT TIME AND DATE OF THEIR CHILD'S BIRTH!!!
OH DEAR!! WHY, I CAN'T SEEM TO REMEMBER...
MA'AM, AROUND WHEN WAS KANOKO BORN?

YEAH, SHE HAS NO MEMORY OF HER FAMILY
SO, WHO'S THE MOTHER? SOMEBODY ELSE?


APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS AGO, MY HUSBAND AND I ENCOUNTERED A LOST GIRL WHO HAD WANDERED ONTO OUR PROPERTY. AFTERWARDS, WE ACCEPTED HER AS OUR OWN DAUGHTER

HOW SO?
TO BE PERFECTLY HONEST WITH YOU, DOCTOR KANOKO IS NOT OUR BIOLOGICAL DAUGHTER

INTRIGUING. THIS MAKES TWO KOGAWA RESIDENTS WHO HAVE NO EXPLAINABLE ORIGIN!!

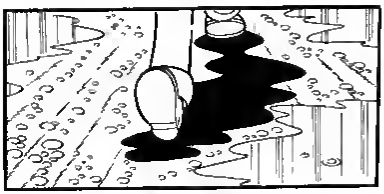

I NEVER SAW ANYTHING CONCERNING
WAIT, ARE YOU TELLING ME FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS YOU HAVE FAILED TO NOTICE THE PECULIAR PHYSICAL ABNORMALITIES ON THIS CHILD?

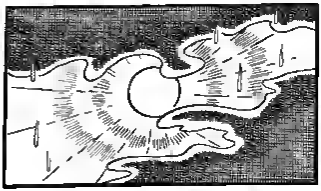
MR. BABA

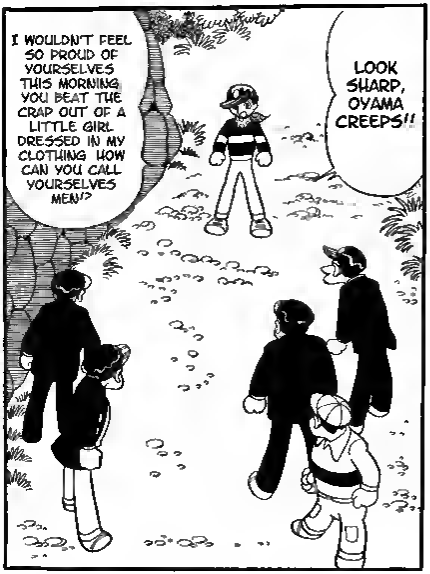
WHAT!? THERE'S ANOTHER PERSON?

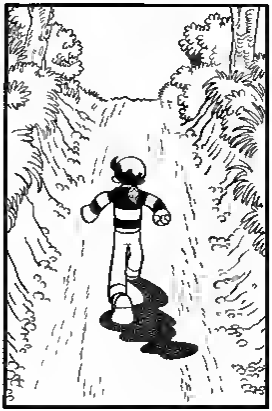
TELL US, DOC WHO'S THE SECOND ONE?

HOLD ON I RECALL OVERHEARING SOME GOSSIP AROUND THE SCHOOL FACULTY
DEARY ME, WHAT COULD ALL OF THIS MEAN ?
WAIT, MR. BABA'S NORMAL AS CAN BE. I CAN'T BELIEVE THERE'S ANYTHING OUT OF PLACE WITH HIM!!
PRECISELY. THOUGH HE HAS BEEN A RESIDENT FOR AN ENTIRE DECADE, MR. BABA NEVER MENTIONS HIS PERSONAL HISTORY OR PREVIOUS CAREER PATHS. QUITE A MYSTERY MAN, I'D SAY.
TEN YEARS?
RUMORS THAT MR. BABA SIMPLY STUMBLED INTO THE TOWN OF KOGAWA TEN YEARS AGO.
FROM MY KNOWLEDGE THERE CAN BE NO NATURALLY-BORN HUMAN WITHOUT A BELLY BUTTON. WITHOUT ATTACHMENT TO AN UMBILICAL CORD, THE FETUS CANNOT DEVELOP.
A HUMAN WITHOUT A BELLY-BUTTON IS HARDLY A HUMAN...
SHINICHI, ARE YOU SERIOUS!?
I'LL MARRY KANOKO!!
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO FIND A HUSBAND FOR MY DAUGHTER WHEN SHE DOESN'T HAVE A BELLY-BUTTON
SHINICHI, PLEASE DON'T TREAT KANOKO DIFFERENTLY BECAUSE OF THIS



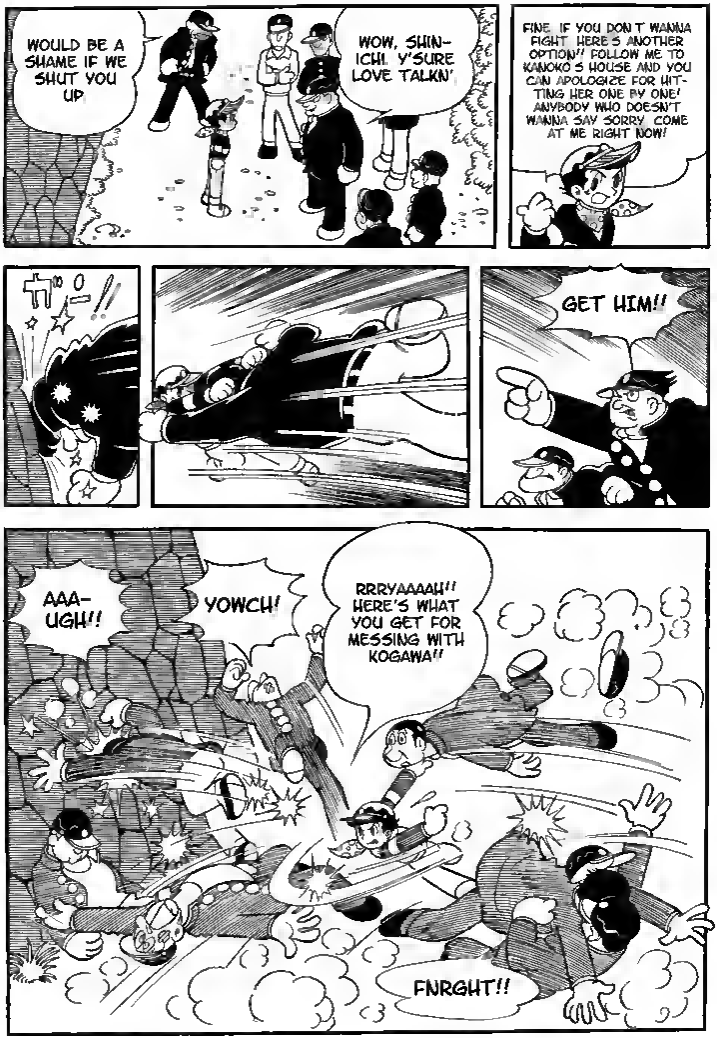



I WOULDN'T FEEL SO PROUD OF YOURSELVES THIS MORNING. YOU BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF A LITTLE GIRL DRESSED IN MY CLOTHING. HOW CAN YOU CALL YOURSELVES MEN!?
LOOK SHARP, OYAMA CREEPS!!

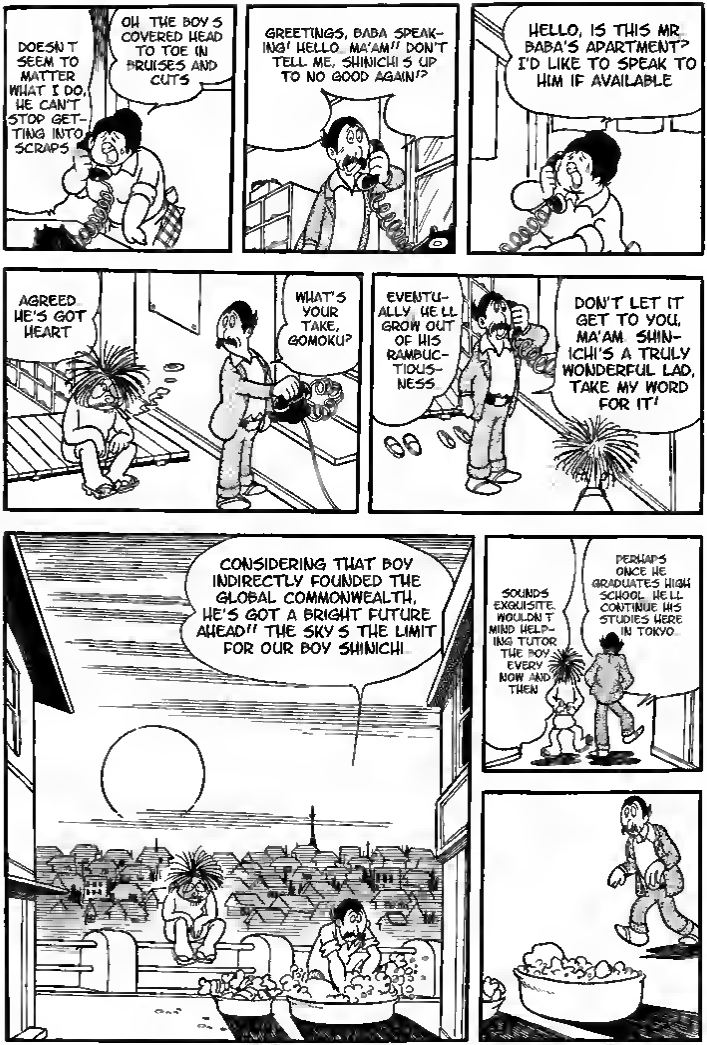


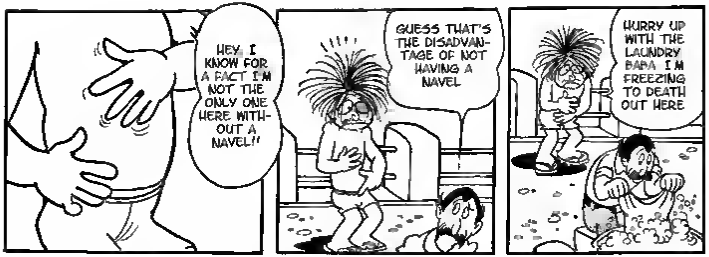
COME ON, WHAT'S THE HOLDUP? LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH!

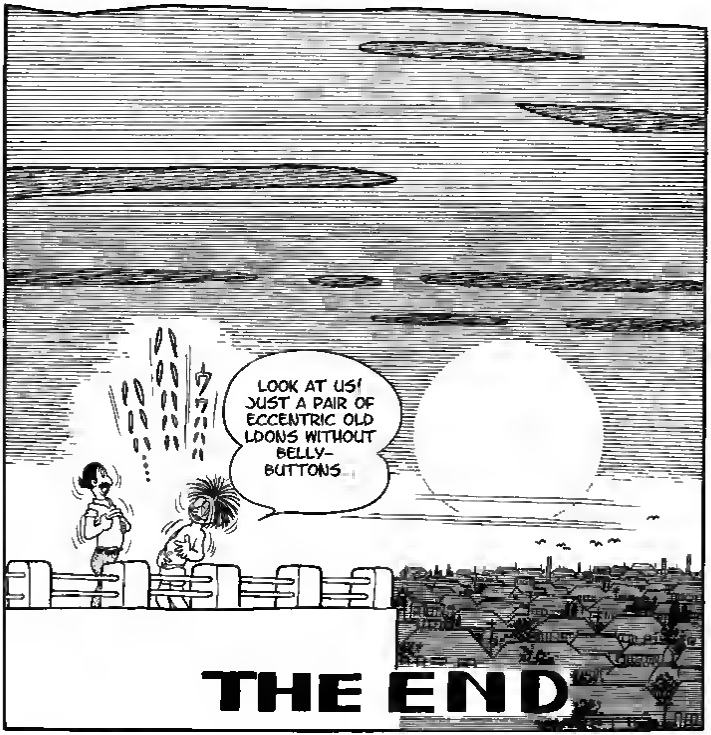
IF YOU'VE GOT ANY INCH OF PRIDE YOU'LL FIGHT ME.
BRING IT ON, PANSIES!! OR ARE YOU JUST GUTLESS COWARDS!?


WOULD BE A SHAME IF WE SHUT YOU UP
WOW, SHIN-ICHI. Y'SURE LOVE TALKIN'
FINE. IF YOU DON'T WANNA FIGHT HERE'S ANOTHER OPTION!! FOLLOW ME TO KANOKO'S HOUSE AND YOU CAN APOLOGIZE FOR HITTING HER ONE BY ONE! ANYBODY WHO DOESN'T WANNA SAY SORRY COME AT ME RIGHT NOW!
GET HIM!!
AAA-UGH!!
YOWCH!
RRRYAAAAH!! HERE'S WHAT YOU GET FOR MESSING WITH KOGAWA!!
FNRGHT!!

TAKE THIS!
COCKY BRAT...
WHEW, WHAT A WORK-OUT!
LEFT FOOT! RIGHT FOOT! LEFT FOOT! RIGHT FOOT! FOLLOW THE BEAT!!
ALRIGHT, MARCH! AND I WANNA SEE SOME GENUINE REGRET WHEN WE GET TO KANOKO'S PLACE OR ELSE!!


DOESN'T SEEM TO MATTER WHAT I DO, HE CAN'T STOP GETTING INTO SCRAPS
OH THE BOY'S COVERED HEAD TO TOE IN BRUISES AND CUTS
GREETINGS, BABA SPEAKING! HELLO, MA'AM!? DON'T TELL ME, SHINICHI'S UP TO NO GOOD AGAIN!?
HELLO, IS THIS MR. BABA'S APARTMENT? I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO HIM IF AVAILABLE
AGREED HE'S GOT HEART
WHAT'S YOUR TAKE, GOMOKU?
EVENTUALLY, HE'LL GROW OUT OF HIS RAMBUCTIOUSNESS
DON'T LET IT GET TO YOU, MA'AM. SHINICHI'S A TRULY WONDERFUL LAD, TAKE MY WORD FOR IT!
CONSIDERING THAT BOY INDIRECTLY FOUNDED THE GLOBAL COMMONWEALTH, HE'S GOT A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD!! THE SKY'S THE LIMIT FOR OUR BOY SHINICHI!
SOUNDS EXQUISITE. WOULDN'T MIND HELPING TUTOR THE BOY EVERY NOW AND THEN
PERHAPS ONCE HE GRADUATES HIGH SCHOOL, HE'LL CONTINUE HIS STUDIES HERE IN TOKYO.


HEY, I KNOW FOR A FACT I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE HERE WITHOUT A NAVEL!!
GUESS THAT'S THE DISADVANTAGE OF NOT HAVING A NAVEL
HURRY UP WITH THE LAUNDRY BABA I'M FREEZING TO DEATH OUT HERE


LOOK AT US! JUST A PAIR OF ECCENTRIC OLD LOONS WITHOUT BELLY-BUTTONS...
THE END

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